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LENORA MOUNTAIN,

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Plaintiff, :

v. :Case No.:

EMIRATES, INC., :1-23-cv-22188-BB

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Defendant. :

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Deposition of LENORA MOUNTAIN, taken via Zoom Videoconference, commencing on Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., reported by Sydney Crawford, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in the State of Florida.

Reported by: Sydney Crawford

2 4 APPEARANCES PROCEEDINGS ON BEHALF OF PLAINTIFF, LENORA MOUNTAIN: WHEREUPON. HECTOR JAMES MONTALVO 3 LENORA MOUNTAIN, Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto, P.L. having duly been sworn to tell the truth, the 2555 Ponce de Leon Boulevard whole truth and nothing but the truth, testifies Suite 600 as follows: Coral Gables, Florida 33134 7 8 **EXAMINATION** 9 BY MR. THORNTON: ON BEHALF OF DEFENDANT, EMIRATES, INC.: 10 Q Ms. Mountain, can you please state your CLAY THORNTON, ESQUIRE 11 full name for the record? CLYDE & CO US LLP 12 A My name is Lenora Jean Mountain. 1221 Brickell Avenue 13 Q Have you ever had your deposition taken 14 Suite 1600 before? 15 Miami, Florida 33131 A No, I have not. 16 Q Okay. Well, a deposition, your counsel 17 may have explained this to you, but it's basically a question-and-answer session. As you can see, 19 you know, we've got counsel on the Zoom here, and you've got a court reporter taking down everything that's being said. Because we have that court reporter typing down -- everything down, there's a couple of rules. We like to establish before we begin. The first is that I ask that you try to refrain from using any nonverbal communication. 3 CONTENT 1 In other words, no nods or shakes of the head, **EXAMINATION OF LENORA MOUNTAIN PAGE** because that can't easily be written down. If you 3 By Mr. Thornton do want to use any, you know, nonverbal communication, like, if you're approximating 4 5 something with your hands, you can do so, but I 6 EXHIBITS just ask that you accompany it with a description 7 MOUNTAIN DEPOSITION EXHIBIT PAGE 7 of what you're doing so it can be written down; 50 8 Exhibit 1 Tauk Tour Itinerary 8 does that make sense? 9 Exhibit 2 Answers to Interrogatories 9 61 A Yes. Thank you. 10 Exhibit 3 Complaint 63 10 Q All right. The next rule is that if at 11 Exhibit 4 Husband Statement 79 any point you don't understand any of my 11 12 Exhibit 5 Dr. Lubit Report 96 12 questions, let me know, and I will repeat it or 13 Exhibit 6 Photographs 130 try and rephrase it so that you understand it. 14 If, however, you respond to a question, I'll take 15 (Attached to Transcript.) that to mean that you understood it and are 15 16 16 responding to it; is that fair? 17 17 A That's fair. 18 18 Q Finally, I ask that you let me finish 19 any of my questions before you move on to a 19 20 response, and I'll return the same courtesy, let 21 you finish your response before moving on to the next question; is that fair? 22 22 23 23 A I'll try. 24 24 Q I know it can be difficult at times. 25 Sometimes if you --

6 8 1 any other documents other than the Lubit report, 2 Q -- get conversational, see, like, right your husband's testimony sheet, and the answers to there, when we both speak at the same time, it 3 interrogatories? just becomes very difficult for them to write A No, I did not, no. 5 5 Q Did you do anything else to prepare for down. 6 today's depo? A I understand. A Tried to get a good night's sleep, 7 7 Q Okay. And lastly, you know, this isn't a test of endurance. If you want to take a break 8 relax, but that's about it. 8 9 at any point, just let us know, and we can do so. Q Tried to do the same. Are you a citizen I only ask that you -- if there's any pending 10 of the U.S.? question, just answer that question first before, 11 A No, I am not. 11 12 you know, going on a break. 12 Q Where were you born? 13 13 Okay. A I was born in Ontario, Canada. 14 Are you taking any medication today? 14 Q And I know you provided your address Q Today, I'm -- I'm taking three earlier, but I believe that was before we were on 15 15 prescription medications. One is a diuretic, one 16 the record. What's your current address? is a blood pressure pill, and the other is a 17 A My current address is 2843 Road 134 1st statin for cholesterol. All are very low dosage. South RR, Number Seven, St. Mary's, Ontario, N4X 19 The medication for blood pressure was just issued 19 1C9 Canada. to me. That is a new prescription from the end of 20 Q Okay. And how long have you been living 20 21 there? 21 August. 22 Q Okay. Are you taking any pain 22 A In this particular home, we've been 23 medication? 23 residing here since 1989, and it was the home that 24 we moved here from London, Ontario, 30 miles away A No, I'm not. 25 Q Are you taking any medication for in 1972 and sold to with right of first refusal in 9 anxiety or depression? 1 1979, returned to it in 1989. 1 2 A No, I am not. Q Okay. Who lives there with you? A My husband. And on the property, our 3 Q Are you taking anything that would 3 prevent you from being able to offer any testimony 4 son has just moved into our guest house. Our son 5 and his wife have moved into the condo apartment, today? A No, I am not. guest house in our outbuilding, which we call the 7 7 barn. Q Okay. Did you review any documents to prepare for today's deposition? 8 Q How long ago did he move in? 9 9 A I did. I'm sorry, I didn't hear that. 10 10 Q What did you review? Q How long ago did your son and his wife 11 A I reviewed Dr. Lubit's report. I 11 move in? 12 reviewed my husband's testimony. I reviewed my 12 A Last July. responses to your firm's questionnaire. 13 Q July 2022? 13 Q Okay. And when you say your 14 A Yes, that's correct. 15 "responses," you're referring to your answers to 15 Q And I presume, since you've been living 16 interrogatories? there since 1989, that was where you were living 17 A I don't understand that. 17 at the time of the incident? 18 Q Okay. And when you say your husband's 18 A Yes. 19 testimony, are you referring to the -- the typed 19 Q Were you just living there with your 20 statement that your husband provided and that was 20 husband at or around the time of the incident?

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A Yes.

What type of home is it?

square feet on 31-acres of land with several

outbuildings. It is stone construction. It

A It's a single-story home of about 2,500

produced in this case?

Yes, I did. Yes, it is. Yes.

Okay. What is your date of birth?

My date of birth is July the 20th, 1948.

Sorry, let me go back. Did you review

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1 has -- my husband and I live on the main floor

- where our bedroom and living room, kitchen, dining
- room, everything is. We have done several
- renovations over the years on it. And it's
- something that we expanded from a small home that we moved here years ago.
- 7 Q Well, 35 acres of land, that must be 8 quite a -- quite a bear to maintain?
- A Well, we rent the land during the
- summer. We work at -- we have 5 acres of lawns
- and gardens around the house, and my husband 11
- 12 has -- across the road is a -- was a scrub field
- that my husband developed into a beautiful park
- because when we walk out the front door, we would
- see scrublands, so he's planted grass, trees,
- flowers, that it's visual for us when we walk out
- 17 the front door, and the neighborhood uses it as a
- park for weddings and et cetera.
- Q Do you help him at all in any of the 19 20 plant -- do you garden, I guess?
- 21 A I do all the planters in the spring. I
- plant all of the annual flowers, I assist with
- weeding. I have a small vegetable garden that I look after. So, yes, I do work outside and with
- my husband. It's not only a blue job.

- 1 That is my only marriage.
  - Q Well, congratulations, then. That's
- quite an impressive marriage.
  - A Thank you.
  - Q Do you provide any financial support to vour husband?

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- A When we first got married, I was 17, he
- was 19, and he came along with a lot of bills,
- insurance bills from cars, damaged cars, and so on
- and so forth, but we worked together, and we each
- 11 shared financial support back and forth.
- 12 Q And you -- I'm sorry, let me just ask a few more questions. When you say you "shared 13
- financial support," do you mean that you just sort
- of, I guess, collectively group your income?
- 16 You're not specifically providing him any
- 17 financial support?
  - A That's correct. We have joint bank
- 19 accounts, everything is joined.
- 20 Q Okay.
  - A We have no individual bank accounts. At
- 22 least, he hasn't told me of any individual, and I
- 23 know I haven't.
- 24 Q You mentioned one son. How many kids do
- 25 you have?
- Q We refer to the same thing, my fiance
- and I. Has that -- has your ability to do all
- that gardening, you know, the weeding, has that 3
- 4 changed at all as a result of the incident for 5 which you brought this lawsuit?
- A It's a diversion for it. I don't do as
- 7 much anymore, but I do -- I do most of it or all 8 of it or we have assistance, but most of it is
- 9 done by me.

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- 10 Q Have any modifications been made to your
- home since the date of the incident? 11
- 12 A Not to the actual home -- well, to the
- 13 interior, we've just added a hot tub. The other
- day our hot tub was leaking. We have an interior
- hot tub, so it was leaking and we replaced that. 15
- 16 Q Are you -- do you claim that any of
- 17 these modifications were as a result of the incident that is the subject of this lawsuit?
- 19 No. None of them.
- And you are currently married; correct? 20 0
- 2.1 I am currently married, yes. Α
- 22 When did you get married? Q
- 23 I got married on November the 13th, A
- 24 1965.

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Q Is that your only marriage?

- A We have two children, both live within
  - our -- our daughter lives within 5 miles of us,
  - and my son, as I've mentioned, and his wife live
  - on the property now. Our -- we have four
  - grandchildren: three boys and a girl. All over
  - the age of 20, and we have two wonderful great
  - 7 grandchildren: two and a half and seven months 8 old.
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  - Q Okay. Let me ask a few questions about 10 your children. What is your son's name?
  - A My son's name is David John Mountain. 11
  - 12 Q And what is his date of birth?
  - 13 A His date of birth is April the 6th,
  - 1966. 14
  - 15 Q And Mr. Mountain is the biological
  - 16 father of both children?
  - 17 Yes, he is.
  - 18 Q Okay. I apologize in advance if any of
  - my questions appear to be rude, I'm not trying to, 19
  - 20 by any means. I just want to make sure we all 21 understand.
  - 22 A I -- I -- at 17, you don't do much
  - 23 exploring, thank you. Back in 1965, no.
  - 24 Q And your son, David John Mountain, he
  - 25 lives with you on the property; right?

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A Yes, he does. Not in the main house, 1 in -- in a separate building.

- 3 Q And what does he do for a living?
- A He works for Bell Media, he's an IT
- 5 specialist for Bell Media. He's been with them
- for, I think, 24, 25 years. He is set to retire April the 6th of 2024. 7
- 8 Q Congratulations, ma'am.
- 9 Α Yeah.
- 10 O And he is married; correct?
- 11 A He is married to Robin, yes.
- 12 Q And does he have children? I know
- you've mentioned you have four grandchildren. Are 13
- any of them his -- excuse me, four children,
- excuse me, grandchildren?
- A Yeah. He has two boys, yes. They are 16 17 the two youngest grandchildren.
- Q Okay. And the two boys, they also live with him in that separate building on the 19
- 20 property?
- 21 A No. Our -- his eldest son lives in
- Stratford, which is 12 miles away, and his
- youngest son is third year at the University of
- 24 Guelph, which is about a 40-minute drive from
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- Q And do you see -- I guess, you see your son John very often?
  - A David -- David John. We call him DJ.

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- Q Okay. I presume you see DJ a fair
- 5 amount since he's on the property there; right?
  - A Most days, yes. We, you know, converse
- 7 back and forth or if he's getting in his vehicle to go somewhere or I'm outside working. Yep, I
- see both of them most days. They also assist when
- 10 we travel. They look after our little dog. 11 Q Okay. And what about his -- his two
- 12 boys, do you see them often? A Only on the weekends, if they're home 13
- and unless we meet his eldest in Stratford for a meal, and the youngest would come home from 15 university probably every second or third week, 17 and I will see him occasionally.
- 18 Q Okay. And what about Karen, do you see 19 her often?
- 20 A I spent the day on Monday with her, yes. I -- she's away most weekends at her cottage, but
- during the week, we see them. They have a factory
- 23 in St. Mary's that she and her husband run, and
- we're back and forth there quite often. We own
- the building that the factory is in, so, yes,

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- Q And are either of them the ones with the great grandchildren?
- A No. They're not, no. 3
- Okay. 4 Q
- 5 No, neither are married.
- Q Okay.
- A Not that that makes any difference 8 anymore.
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- Q And what about your -- your daughter?
- A Our daughter has two children. She has 10 a daughter. She is 29 years old. She's married 11
- 12 and has the two great grandchildren, a son and a
- daughter, and our daughter's youngest lives in St.
- Mary's, which is 5 miles away, and he is a
- professional engineer, working in the company that 15
- 16 our daughter and her husband run.
- 17 Q And what's your daughter's name? I 18 don't know if I got that.
- 19 A Our daughter's name is Karen.
- O Is that Mountain? 20
- No. She's Karen Michelle McGinnis. 21 Α
- 22 Q And what is her date of birth?
- 23 A Her date of birth is February the 8th,
- 24 1967. Yes, we were very busy after we got
- 25 married.

we're -- we're interactive with them.

- Q Okay. And what about her -- her two children, how often do you see them? 3
- A Well, their son now works at the
- factory, so when we're in there, and quite often
- our grandson will come out to visit with his 7 girlfriend and our daughter -- our granddaughter,
- we -- my daughter and I were visiting her and
- 9 babysitting the grandchildren on Monday. 10
  - Q Okay.
- A At least the granddaughter. The 11 12 grandson -- great grandson was at daycare.
- 13 Q Okay. Has this instance a how often you see your family, your relationship with your family at all incident? 15
  - A If -- if anything, it's -- it's
- 17 broughten [sic] me closer to my family. It -- I
- feel like I need to envelope them around me.
- 19 Q I'm going to switch gears a bit and 20 just -- should be able to go through this somewhat
- quickly, but what's your highest level of 22 education?
- 23 A I went to grade 11 in high school, got married, and then once the children were in
- school, I proceeded to take accounting degrees for

1 the equivalent of your CPA degree and got as far

- 2 as the fourth level out of five into that and then
- 3 we'd moved to Quebec where I was going to be
- 4 forced to take my classes in French, and I don't
- 5 speak French. We moved to Quebec because we
- 6 bought a business in Quebec and operated it for 10
- 7 years.

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- Q What business was that?
- 9 A It was called Dudley Locks. It was the
- combination padlocks for high school lockers.Well, for school lockers, gym lockers. It was the
- 12 equivalent of the -- the, against Master Lock, we
- had 95 percent of the Canadian school market whichMaster Lock desperately wanted.
- Q I think I picked up someone else speaking just now? Is there someone else in the room with you?
- 18 A My husband is sitting at the end of the 19 table, yes.
- Q Okay. That's fine. I just want to ask
- 21 that he not speak to you or give you any testimony
- that you might be providing. I'm not going to try
- 23 to sequester or anything, but I just want to make
- 24 sure that your answers are yours alone.
- 25 A Yes.

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- 1 A Other than -- other than Saint John's
  - 2 ambulance courses or anything that were necessary

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- 3 when we went sailing because we were on our own to
- 4 look after our own health.
- 5 Q What's involved in the Saint John's? Is
- 6 it Saint John's ambulance?
- A Yes, it is. Yes. It's just a -- an
- 8 emergency to kind of giving, if someone has a
- 9 heart attack, how do you revive them? If I see
- 10 symptoms of a stroke. If someone is cut, what
- should you do to stop the bleeding and, you know,
- 12 that -- that kind of thing, broken arm, how you,
- $1\,3$   $\,$  how you manage that. Which all can happen on a
- sailboat when you're in the middle of nowhere.
  Q Sure. Do you -- did you receive any
- 16 sort of diploma or certificate when you took that 17 course?
- 18 A Just a general certificate, yes.
- 19 Q How long was that course?
- 20 A Oh, it was only, like, a weekend kind of
- 21 thing or two weekends. We have not been sailing
- 22 for 10 years, and we sailed for 10 years, so other
- 23 than that, you know, taking my CYA courses,
- 24 sailing certificate, I have my captain's
- 25 certificate from sailplane. Taken sailing

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- Q Okay. And other than the accounting degrees, did you go to any other technical schools
- 3 or any other schooling?
- 4 A I went to Western and took a couple of
- sociology courses, which I found very interesting.
   That was before I had taken -- started into the
- 7 accounting courses, but the accounting courses, I
- 8 had gone through high school and did quite well at
- 9 accounting, so that was my forte.
- 10 Q Okay. And all this schooling, was this 11 in Canada?
- 12 A Yes
- Q Do you have any background or experience 14 in the military?
- 15 A No.
- 16 Q Do you have any background or experience
- 17 in the airline industry?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Do you have any background or experience 20 in nursing?
- 21 A I nursed my husband after he had his
- 22 prostate operation. That is all.
- Q But no formal training or any actual -- A No.
- 25 Q -- job experience in nursing; correct?

- 1 lessons, that kind of thing.
  - Q And when did you do this ten-year ending
- 3 trip?

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- A From 1996 until 2006.
- 5 Q And what type of boat was it, how large
- 6 was it?
- 7 A It was a 43 on deck, 53 overall. It was
- 8 a Gozzard sailing yacht that was built 30 miles
- 9 from us here in Canada, and we sailed it in the
- 10 Great Lakes and then took it to the Caribbean for
- 11 the balance of the time.
- 12 Q How many helms are there?
- 13 A One helm.
  - Q And was it just you and your husband?
- 15 A The first time offshore because we have
- 16 never sailed the Atlantic before -- I've never
- 17 gone offshore other than the Great Lakes -- we had
- two crew with us, but after that, no, we were on
- 19 our own completely.
- Q And how long of the 10 years were the
- 21 two crew members with you?
- A Oh, just for the trip from Hampton,
- 23 Virginia to Tortola. We left, I believe it was
- 24 the beginning of November, and we arrived, like,
- 25 10 days later, yeah.

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1 Q And of the 10 years, how long was spent 2 in the Great Lakes?

3 A Just two seasons, two summer seasons, 4 1996 and 1997.

5 Q And then from '97 to 2006, you were in 6 the Caribbean?

7 A Yes, we were. We took -- brought the 8 boat back. We circumnavigated the Caribbean Sea 9 and brought the boat back to the Tampa area, St.

O Petersburg and had it shipped back to Canada.

11 That was in April of 2001 and then we -- and we --

12 and that September, immediately after 9/11, we had

the boat shipped back up to Annapolis, Maryland,and left again for the Caribbean from -- we sailed

15 it down through the intercoastal to Beaufort and

went offshore from Beaufort to Bermuda and then

again down to Tortola and started our journeyagain.

Q Do you know, approximately, how many cities you might have stayed in during your trip?

A Oh -- there were, no. I don't know how many cities. I know we visited -- we sailed

23 19,000 miles and I can't recall how many countries

24 between and protectorates that we were in, but we

25 visited quite a number. I mean, we were down the

1 all kinds of things that -- I mean, we ate, just 2 as well as we do today.

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Q Did you do any fishing yourself?

A My husband was the fisherman, but you know, I handled the boat while he cleaned the fish.

7 Q Got it. Okay. Do you still have that 8 yacht?

9 A No. We don't, no. The yacht was 10 getting older, we were getting older, so we 11 decided to become landowners.

Q When, about, did you sell the yacht?

13 A We sold it, like, four days after we put 14 it up for sale and it sold in 20- -- January --15 no. I can't remember what month it was in 2006.

Q Do you have any other boats, or do you 17 go boating at all since 2006?

A No. Just only when we're going to our daughter's cottage, and we go out on our picnic

boat. That's the only time that we -- our son has just bought a powerboat. I have not been out --

22 out of the harbor on it. We thought about

3 continuing sailing or getting a motor yacht of

24 some sort, but we never really -- never interested

25 us. We've been there, done that. Let's get on

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1 chain of islands, all the way down to Trinidad,

across to Venezuela for the ABCs the out islands

3 of Venezuela, and into Cartagena, Colombia, to

4 Panama, the San Blas Islands, up to Nicaragua,

5 Honduras, Mexico, Guatemala. We had a wonderful,

6 wonderful time.

7 Q That's amazing. During that time, I 8 mean, would you always stop at ports and eat, or 9 were you eating out there on the ocean or, you

10 know, how did you...

11 A No. When you sail from, say, Aruba,

12 with -- when you leave Aruba or you leave

13 Venezuela or you go to the out islands, you are

4 two, three, days, and the longest we were out

15 without seeing land of any sort was probably

16 seven, eight days, so, no, you don't -- you can

17 cook on board, you do three hours on, three hours

18 off. Adjust the sails yourself. You know, you're

19 sailing along and get your own weather reports,

20 you plan your trip.

Q Would you -- would you pack food for the seven or eight days, or were you guys fishing out

23 there?

A Oh, we were fishing, yes. Yes, we were

25 fishing. We have food stores, you know, we've --

1 with the next adventure.

Q Okay. So this incident hasn't affected your interest or ability to go boating or fishing or yachting or anything like that?

A No. Because we hadn't done it for a length of time, since we sold the boat.

Q Okay. Now, I want to switch gears alittle bit. Are you currently employed?

9 A No. But I look after the accounting for

our holding company and produce the financial statements for our -- the businesses that we --

12 you know, the other associated businesses that we

13 have. I do not get paid for it, so -- but it is

14 my job to do that. I own half of everything, so I

15 make -- both of us make sure. Both my husband and

I make sure that anything that is submitted isquality and of legal content.

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Q Okay. And you're not making a wage 19 claim as a result of this incident; right?

A No, I'm not.

Q Just to confirm, you're not claiming any

22 lost past wages; correct?

A No, I'm not.

24 Q And you're not claiming any loss of

5 future earning capacity; right?

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1 A No, I'm not.

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Q Okay. What are those other businesses that you mentioned that you -- that you guys womed?

A We own -- Mountain Holdings is the

- corporation that holds our investments and all of our -- all of the businesses are owned by Mountain 8 Holdings, with the exception of my husband's airplane, which is a separate corporation. We 9 have a smaller part in the building that is part of the real estate business, and the manufacturing 11 12 plant that our daughter and her husband operate. As well as our -- this is our farm and we rent the 13 farm, the available land that is available for 15 planting.
- Q Okay. So you -- trying to summarize that. So you have Mountain Holdings, which then has a real estate business at the manufacturing plant, and you also separately rent out the farm?
- A Yes. And we have the apartment building, which is a separate corporation as well.
  And then our -- I've forgotten our home in Florida is a partnership between my husband, myself, and the real estate company that owns -- that is owned by Mountain Holdings.

- 1 Q Okay
  - A 17 percent or something of that nature.
- Q What I mean by "hands-on," do you actually show up and do any work there on the premises?
- A No. No, I do not. In the beginning, I
  did assist with the accounting, yes. But not -not now. It's -- the accounting there now is far
  too advanced for me. They use a -- an accounting
  system that dances around a lot of other
  organizations.
- Q And what about the real estate business?
  Do you have any hands-on involvement with that
  other than, you know, providing the accounting for
  the holdings company?
- A We go in and look after the tree trimming and shrub trimming and making sure that the facility is acceptable for our tenants and all of the upgrades that are done that are necessary. Our daughter, who is -- also is -- is the controller at the manufacturing business, she supervises the apartment building, and we just --
- 23 you know, she'll come and ask us what we think
- 24 about a renovation to an apartment or something of
- 25 that nature, but other than that, we don't have

Q Where is that home in Florida located, what's the address?

A 12923 Pond Apple Drive East, Naples,
Florida 34119. It's located in Quail Creek
Estates in Naples.

Q Okay. With respect to that manufacturing plant that you referenced, what does it manufacture?

9 A It's a tool and die manufacturing 10 facility. My son-in-law -- or our son-in-law is a 11 machinist tool and die maker and just an

incredible, almost an artisan when it comes tomaking and planning equipment and producing

something from drawings. A lot of it is military
 for General Dynamics. They have done extremely

16 well. They started it, the business from nothing.

47 And he's brought it up to, probably, I don't know,

8 four, five, seven, million a year in -- in

19 revenue.

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- Q Wow, that's very impressive. Do you have any hands-on involvement in that business at all other than, as you mentioned, kind of the accounting for the holdings company?
- A My husband and I own shares in the business. A very small amount of shares.

daily or weekly or even monthly interactions with that.

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3 Q Is it a single apartment building?

4 A It is a standalone apartment building 5 with 17 apartments in it.

6 Q And where is -- what city is that 7 located in?

8 A It's in St. Mary's, Ontario, 5 miles 9 from our home.

10 Q Okay. And what about when you rent the 11 farm, do you have any hands-on involvement with 12 that?

A Other than depositing the check and entertaining the Mennonite family that rents it from us to coffee when they come to give us their check and -- that's the only involvement we have with it, really.

18 Q Okay. And you mentioned that your 19 husband has an aircraft, which is a separate 20 business. What's involved with that?

A What's involved with it?

Q Yeah. What aircraft does he own and how is it a business?

A He owns a Cessna T182T, that right now is being repaired. It had some flecks of metal in

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the oil, and they're deciding on replacing the

- crankshaft, and so I'm not right up on the
- mechanics on it. I know that it's not flyable right now. There's no motor in it right now.
- 5 Q Okay. And how is that a business? Do you rent out the aircraft, or do you take people up yourselves for lessons on things?
- A No. We -- it -- we use it for personal and take a taxable benefit. We rent the 9 aircraft from the aircraft company that we set up and pay the expenses and then get an allowance to 11 12 do that.
- 13 Q Do you have a pilot's license?
- 14 A I do not have a pilot's license. My husband has his private pilot's license. We use 15 the plane to go back and forth to Florida and to 17 just go around, trips, short trips around.
- 18 Q When is the last time you used that aircraft, the Cessna T182? 19
- 20 A August, I would say, yes.
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- 24 We went to a resort town, an airport
- called Casino Rama up near Orillia, Ontario for

friends if they had cottages or, we'd fly for a

weekend, but we went for breakfast this time.

A Has it affected? I'm getting forgetful, distracted. Everything takes much more to

Q Well, other than, you know, becoming

more forgetful or distracted, has it affected your ability to do the accounting that you described

A It takes me much more time to do it,

seriously concentrate. The thought of the -- I do

all the government filings and everything, and

I -- I have made mistakes of recent, and it's

difficult in Canada to correct those, as any government -- working with any government

much longer to do that. I -- I do have to

concentrate on since the incident. Other than

that, I can't -- I can't elaborate on how it's

Q This incident hasn't affected your ability to function or your interaction with any

of the holding company, or its separate

Q Okay. And what about the Cessna T182,

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- this incident hasn't affected your ability to --
- 3 to fly; right?
  - A I'm with my husband.
- 5 Q Yeah. I didn't mean -- sorry, let me
- correct that. It hasn't affected your ability to
- be a passenger in an aircraft; right?
- 8 A Oh, I feel totally safe with him around,
- 9 with him flying, yes. 10 Q And what about, you know, prior to these 11
- holding companies? Can you briefly run down what you did for your employment, you know, just your 12
- employment history? 13
- 14 A I started working for my husband. At
- first, he needed someone back in the early '70s to 15
- do some accounts receivable collections for a
- 17 company that he worked for with Dylan Scofield at
- the time, and I went in to concentrate on phoning
- and making collections to people in the needle 19
- 20 industry and -- and then after that, I had to be
- the lowest paid in the office, of course, and no 21
- overtime. But after that, I left and I went to
- work for a trucking company as accounts payable
- clerk, and from there, I -- I left and went to a
- factory in Stratford where I was the confidential

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- 1 controller to the -- or confidential secretary to
- 1 lunch. We would, quite often, for breakfast or lunch, fly somewhere, occasionally, meet with our the controller, and when they were leaving
  - Stratford, I went to a farm equipment company
  - and -- and was the accounting manager there and
  - did all of that. I -- when we moved to London, I
  - was accounts payable supervisor at a hospital in
  - London, and when we moved to Burlington, Ontario,
  - I received a job as -- as a general accountant for
  - a winery in the Niagara Peninsula. And from
  - there, I was accounts payable manager at region --
  - regional government offices, and then we bought

  - our business and moved to Quebec, where I did all 13 of the finances.

  - 14 Q So it seems like most if not all of
  - 15 these jobs were accounting or accounts payable; is
  - 16 that fair?
  - 17 A Accounts payable, accounts receivable,
  - general accounting, yes.
  - 19 Q Did you have any employment in any other
  - 20 capacity other than as an accountant or accounts
  - 21 payable?
  - 22 A When I was a -- before marriage, I was a
  - 23 waitress in a restaurant.
  - 24 Okay.
  - 25 Other than that, no.

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Q Okay. And when you were working in a hospital, you didn't have any other roles or 3 interact with any of the patients; did you?

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- A No, I did not, no. No. I was strictly 5 in the accounting. I had a staff at the boat, eight, possibly. In the early '80s, so it's quite 7 a long time ago. The only time that I had 8 interaction with the -- other than my own staff or the accounting department, was the department 9 heads and the doctors with their budgets for
- research and that kind of thing, and the dialysis 11 12 patients would come and their drivers would come 13 for checks to the office. 14 Q Okay. And is it -- I know it won't be
  - the same exact capacity, but with respect to the factory or the farm, were you, again, kind of limited to account -- or accounting, or did you actually have any other roles or, you know, interaction in the factories themselves or, you know, around the farm?
- 21 A No. The farm is our personal and, no. I don't -- I don't do any of the planting or anything like that. I never went into the factory and did any of the manufacturing or made any -- it was not my job to do any decisions or anything. I

- 1 to travel anywhere. So for us to be comfortable enough to do the traveling that we want to do is -- we find it great, a great experience and it's -- I'm reluctant to -- although, we are going to India in the end of the month, and I am determine to continue doing my travel.
- 7 Q Okay. Is there anything physically preventing you from doing any of your hobbies?
- 9 A I don't think so. Other than I 10 cannot -- I can't sleep. When I'm flying overnight, I have a hard time sleeping anymore at 11 12 all. It's taking a toll on -- since my husband 13 worries about me constantly, I worry about me, 14 too, but --
- 15 Q Okay. How often would you needlepoint 16 or knit, crotchet, or embroider?
- 17 A Oh, both homes are filled with 18 needlepoints. I probably did -- the needlepoints that I normally do are massive. They are 19 20 probably, you know, 20 inches by 3 feet or so. I do them -- I used to do them as gifts for friends.
- I -- you know, any friend that I have that -- that has breast cancer, I do a replacement breast, so
- that they can put into a regular bra and not have
- to have, you know, an insert that is very hard on

- was only there as for, say, a teacher to assist our daughter in doing accounting.
- Q Okay. What would you say your hobbies 3 4 are?
  - A My hobbies. I do needlepoint, I do knit. I crotchet. I embroider. I play golf. I occasionally go to the gym, not as much as I should, but I like to travel a lot.
    - Q Okay. Do you have any other interests?
    - Our dog and decorating.
  - Q Don't worry. That's a much longer list than I would have been able to provide. I wasn't trying to make it seem like you had to add anything else. Okay. Are you able to do all of
  - those hobbies and interests today? A I find that I -- I haven't done as much. I've just recently started -- since we have the grandchildren and great grandchildren, I've been
- 19 doing more crafty type things with them. But not of recent. That has declined substantially. The
- traveling is getting -- well, because of the world situation, traveling is getting less to the places
- 23 that we would like to see. David and I came from
- very middle-class families, I from -- we have
- 25 less -- less money in my family. So we never got

- their skin. I, you know -- I've tried to do more
- social help in the community. We do two
- fundraisers here every year, so those are
- getting -- since the incident, I -- I haven't
- wanted a lot of people around. And I -- of
- course, the community organizers are always
- wanting to know when we're doing it, when can we
- make -- when can they make -- we make the property
- available for them. And, you know, the local 9
- church needs so much assistance and so we're --
- I'm trying to do that kind of thing, but I -- it's
- 12 harder and harder for me to go amongst strangers
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- 14 Q Okay. And with respect to these fundraisers, when did you -- when did you start 15 16 doing those?
- 17 A We started the first fundraiser which is a -- excuse me, I need to...
- 19 Q Sure. Sure. Yeah. Take your time.
- 20 A The first fundraiser that we started was
- to support the local church up the road that's
- been closed since 1968. And we had moved back
- into the community, but we were still operating
- our business in Quebec, so we were driving back
- and forth here for a week, and there for two

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1 weeks, here for a week, back and forth for just

- 2 about a year and a half, and maybe it was longer
- 3 than that, actually. And we -- when we were away,
- 4 we were concerned because we're out in the
- 5 country, we're 5 miles from any -- we can't even
- 6 see our neighbors, 5 miles from the town. So it's
- 7 a small community. It's a community where David
- 8 grew up. There are no houses. We cannot even see
- 9 our neighbors' homes, and we were concerned with
- security, although we had a security system. Who
- 11 knows. So we had a fundraiser to get to know the
- 12 families that have -- that are living around us
- 13 again. Because a lot of the families have -- the
- 14 farms had passed down through the generations, and
- 15 the kids were coming along and taking over them.
- And we hadn't seen these children since they were
- And we hadn't seen these children since they we
- 17 little. So we invited the two roads. Either side
- 18 of us and the -- you know, both north and south
- 19 and east and west, and we ended up with, I think,
- 20 195 people here for -- for dinner and we charged
- 21 an admission fee. And -- and, you know, just a
- 22 nominal amount of money, 5 or \$10 or whatever, and
- 23 all the funds that were collected went to the
- 24 local church up the road for the restoration of
- 25 the building. And as time went on, we continued

separate fundraisers, one for the church and onefor cancer?

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- A That's correct.
- 4 Q And you've been doing the cancer one for 5 over 10 years?
  - A Yes. Yes, we have.
  - Q And you still do that this year, going forward?
- 9 A This year, it was done again, very, I --
- 0 I didn't want to do it, but I knew it was
- important to do. These things are people in need.
  It's important to support them, so I -- I worked
- 13 hard and -- yeah. Now, for that, we don't have to
- make any of the food or anything of that nature.
- 15 We merely have to have the lawns and gardens
- 16 prepared and planted, and, you know, make
- 17 everybody welcome.
- 17 everybody welcome.18 O And what about
  - Q And what about the church fundraiser?
- 19 When did you first start that?
- A Oh, that was back in probably late 1991, 21 1993.
- Q All right. And you're still doing those annually?
- 24 A Yes, we are. It's expanded now because
- 25 these families leave the farm. They still want to

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- to have that every year. And we still have that fundraiser. Still supporting the local church.
- O Uh-hum.

- 4 And then David's sisters, his one sister
- has had breast cancer, and she was a member of a
- 6 group in Stratford called Wellspring, and the
- 7 Wellspring was an organization just starting up in
- 8 support of cancer patients, and they asked us if
- 9 we would hold a fundraiser on their behalf. They
- 10 would do all of the work, and all we had to do was
- 11 just make the property available. So we've been
- 12 doing that now, for, gosh, I can't recall how long
- 13 it's been, 10 years. The people that are --
- 14 attend that, a lot of them we don't even know.
- 15 They come from Stratford or they're families of
- 16 those that had cancer or want to support the
- 17 group, and they serve 200 -- 200 people every
- 18 year, plus the -- the volunteers that help to
- 19 serve, so there's about 220 meals. Everybody
- 20 brings their lawn chair and sits around the
- 21 grounds, and we get letters of thank you and what
- a beautiful property we have and how much they
- 23 appreciate it.
- Q So it -- and correct me if I misstate anything, but it seems like you kind of do two

- 1 come back and then there's new families, new
  - 2 immigrant families taking over farms, and so they
  - 3 all come and it's still -- I think this year we
  - 4 had probably 170 people here. All at once this
  - 5 time because it poured rain, everyone came, and
  - 6 they all stayed from the time they arrived at 5:30
  - 7 right through until about 9:30 at night, just
  - 8 interacting with everyone. It was very much --
  - 9 very nice.
  - 10 Q Are you providing food to everyone, is 11 it, like, a meal?
  - 12 A We provide for the -- we don't do any
  - 13 food for the Wellspring cancer fundraiser. For
  - the neighborhood barbecue, is what we call it, we
  - provide the pork chops, we just smoke pork chops
  - on the barbecue, I do all the baked potatoes, I do
  - 17 rolls, butter, any condiments for the table,
  - 18 coffee, tea, the -- you know, sliced tomatoes and
  - 19 then the -- people that attend, all the neighbors
  - 20 that attend, bring either -- either or, a dessert
  - 21 or a -- a salad for everyone to share.
  - Q Are you personally cooking for all those 3 100 -- 200 people? The rolls and coffee and tea
  - 24 and all that?
  - 25 A I don't make the rolls. I buy the

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- Q Okay. 2
- 3 A I did cook the small pork chops on the
- barbecue, two large barbecues. I do all the baked
- potatoes in the -- we have -- let's see, four
- ovens on the property, between the condo and we
- have a little kitchenette in -- downstairs in the 7
- barn where we have seating, open seating for 100 8
- people at a time. 166 showed up this year.
  - Q Wow.
- 11 We have a big awning that we put out 12
  - front that shelters people from the rain and... Q Well, that's quite an event. Are you
- 13 14 guys serving alcohol for these events? 15 A No, we do not serve the alcohol. It --
- they are too -- other than lemonade, coffee, and tea, they -- if they want any libations of any sort, that is their choice.
- Q Right. It's a bring-your-own beverage? 19
- 20 We do not -- we do not provide it. Α
- 21 Okay. And you mentioned -- I know we
- touched base on this, your needlepoints and them
- being pretty large, how -- how often, you know, in
- a given week would you say that you're doing one of these hobbies, needle work, crotchet?

- Q Do you still needlepoint, knit,
  - crotchet, or embroider every day?
  - A No.
- 4 Q Prior to the incident, would you
- 5 needlepoint, knit, crotchet, or embroider every 6
- 7 A Yes. I used to take it with me every
- 8 time when I travel. In fact, I do, still do, to
- 9 help relax.
- 10 Q So then if not every day, then, how 11 often would you say that you needlepoint, knit, 12 crotchet, or embroider?
- 13 A Now, it would probably be twice, three 14 times a week, maybe.
- 15 Q And what are you -- if anything, doing 16 with the time that you would have spent 17 needlepointing or crocheting today?
- 18 A Trying to catch up on my sleep. I'm 19 doing the accounting work that keeps me -- takes
- 20 me longer. I -- you know, doing research on various things that I might want to think about
- doing or buying or seeing. You know, if there's
- 23 a -- a play come up, like, in Naples, we are
- members of Artis-Naples, whether there's anything
- there that we want to attend, making meals. Takes

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- A I can't sit down in front of a TV in the 1
- evening or in the morning when I get up without having something in my hand. I must either be
- reading, I must either be having needlepoint or 4
- knitting or crocheting or whatever. I do a lot of 5
- homemade gifts for Christmas. I think they're a
- 7 little more personal, so I try and provide,
- especially for the grandchildren and great
- grandchildren. I try and do something of a very 9 personal nature.
- Q Okay. And that's -- how often you do it 11 12 today?
- 13 A Not as much anymore, no.
- Q How much would you say you do, you know, this type of work today? 15
- 16 A I'm getting back into doing the great 17 grandchildren now, but as far as great
- grandchildren, no, I don't do it. You know, I've
- done a sweater for our great grandson. I have 19
- a -- my daughter-in-law has a -- a friend who is
- expecting a baby in December, so I'm working on
- booties and a bonnet for that -- for her to give.
- I've made a little dress for our great
- granddaughter. A couple little pairs of mittens,
- 25 but other than that, nothing, you know.

- 1 me longer to make a meal. I try and have -- I try
- and have someone from the family out for dinner,
- at least once a week. I don't like to go to restaurants very much anymore. I try and have --
- I haven't had any friends over for a meal since
- September. It used to be a regular thing. Used
- 7 to hold a cocktail party every year for,
- approximately, 100 people in our home before
- 9 Christmas. We didn't do it last year. I don't
- 10 think we'll do it this year. And if we do, do it,
- it will be very scaled down. 11
- 12 Q You -- I assume that you didn't do that party the last several years because of COVID; is 13 that right? 14
- 15 A That's correct, we didn't do it because 16 of COVID, no.
- 17 Q And with respect to your travelings, you 18 said you travel a lot. How often in a year would 19 you travel?
  - A Two large trips a year, pretty much.
- 21 Has that changed at all?
- A Well, we're doing two this year. The --22
  - the one we did in the spring was a leftover credit
- 24 from COVID that we had to use up this year. I
- really didn't want to go, but I didn't want to

disappoint the friends that we had arranged it 1 with, so we went on that trip.

- Q And when you say "large trip," what do you mean by that?
- A Well, last year, when we went to the Middle East, we did Jordan and Egypt, and I did the -- the extension, I planned -- and I was the
- one that wanted to do the extension to Dubai, and 9 therefore, that was why we were flying Emirates
- 10 Air and --
- 11 Q I guess -- sorry.

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- 12 A And those are -- they're expensive,
- they're expensive trips. That's what I mean by 13
- big trips. Usually, they're anywhere from two and
- a half to three weeks to a month. When we went to
- New Zealand, we added on a cruise in Tahiti, and
- we were away for a month traveling. They're
- expensive trips. We like to travel very
- comfortably and I -- the trip to -- to India was 19
- one that I -- I didn't want to do for years and 20
- years and years until we had gone on the Tauk Tour
- with the Tauk tour company group last year, and
- 23 the trip portion to Jordan and Egypt were so
- wonderful, that we -- people that were on, other
- travelers, when they talked about the number of

- A We return to Canada on the 19th of November.
- 3 Q Are you traveling anywhere else other than India?

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- 5 A No, not this year.
- 6 Okay.

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- 7 A And we haven't planned anything for next 8 year either.
  - Q Have you been to India before?
- 10 A No. we have not.
- 11 Q Okay. All right. We've been going
- 12 about an hour and 15. Do you want to take a short
- break? Just, you know, want to kind of switch 13
- gears and start some questions about the incident
- itself. So maybe this is a good breaking point 15 16
  - for everyone.
- 17 (Off the record.)
- 18 BY MR. THORNTON:
- 19 O We're back after a short break.
- 20 Ms. Mountain, you're ready to continue? 21
  - A Yes, I am.
- 22 Q I'd like to shift gears and talk about
- 23 kind of the incident leading up to it. Can you
- 24 describe the day leading up to the incident
- 25 itself?

- Tauk Tours that they've been on. And we said to
- them, what were the two best ones that you were
- ever on, and they said Africa and India. And we 3
- 4 thought, well, that -- you know, okay. I only
- wanted to do it previously by cruise ship because 5
- then I could go back to the cruise ship, and I
- 7 could have -- if I didn't want Indian food or
- whatever, then I was afraid of the -- of what it
- would be, but this tour group is so good that I'm
- not -- I'm still concerned about flying to -- to
- India, because I know I won't sleep, and that's 11
- 12 why we have to go two days early because David
- doesn't want me exhausted when the tour starts.
- We're leaving on the 29th of October. The tour
- doesn't start until the afternoon of November the 15
- 1st. But he knows, from experience, since the
- return from Dubai, I can't sleep on a plane. I 17
- can't -- I can't -- I can't relax, I have to go
- extra time to try and build up my strength to do 19
- the rest of the trip that we both want. We both
- want to -- to see the big, wide world out there,
- and we're financially set to do that, but this is 23 deterring that kind of thing.
- 24 Q Okay. And how long is that trip
- 25 scheduled to last?

- A What happened during the day; is that what you're...
- 3 Q Yeah. Just basically what you did, what 4 time you woke up. Just run me through that day.
- A We were up at normal time, went down for
- breakfast. Normal time would be 7:00, my husband
- does exercises every morning, we -- while I have
- coffee and watch him, and then we go down and have
- a light breakfast, and we go out and walk around
- for a little bit and come back and finish packing.
- And at 7:00, the restaurant downstairs in the
- hotel -- we stayed at the Pullman Hotel. We went
- down there and had a very nice dinner, and then
- our driver wasn't picking us up until 11:00, so we had extended our room time, of course, and went 15
- 16 down and waited for the driver to arrive. We -- I
- 17 think we went down about 10:30, and we came,
- dropped us off at the -- took us to the airport,
- dropped us off, everything was fine. We got in, 19
- got around -- through security and checked in to
- get our boarding passes, and there was a delay
- there because when Emirates Air had canceled the
- flight to -- when we were leaving at the origin of
- the trip, they canceled the flight, and we had to
- take a -- I believe it was a day early -- earlier

1 flight and arrived in Amman, Jordan eventually.

- And when they -- when we had booked it all through
- Tauk Tours, when they did that, somehow it got
- screwed up, the number of bags that we were
- 5 checking, so there was a delay getting our
- boarding passes with the number of bags for some
- reason. Even though we were in executive class 7
- and I was shocked at that, but we were quite a bit 8
- of time standing and waiting and then went through 9
- and up to the lounge for a -- I had a soft drink
- in the lounge. And -- because we were not 11
- boarding until -- and were delayed as well, we 12
- weren't boarding until about 3:00 in the morning. 13
- Then we got on the plane.
- Q Okay. Let me share my screen with you. 15
- I'll mark this as Defendant's Exhibit 1. 16
- 17 (Exhibit 1 was marked for
- 18 identification.)
- 19 MR. THORNTON: Jessica, it says the host
- 20 disabled, participant screen sharing.
- BY MR. THORNTON: 21
- 22 Q I'll share my screen, which is
- 23 Defendant's Exhibit 1. Let me know if you can see
- 24 this.

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A Yes. 25

- 1 A Yeah. Yes, that's correct.
  - Q All right. And it says here, the
- request for 6J and 6K, did you -- did you receive

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- the posed seats that you requested?
- 5 A No. They gave us a different one and
- I -- I have the actual in my possession. I do
- have the actual ticket stubs. Was it -- I -- I... 8 Oh, yup, I have the actual ticket stub. We were
- 9 in 6A. I have a ticket stub with 6A and 6C.
- 10 Q Okay. And who is seated in 6A?
- 11 A A is the -- I believe the -- it is made
- 12 out in my name, and it is the window seat.
- 13 Did you actually sit in 6A, the window 14 seat?
- 15 A I sat in the window seat, if it is so
- 16 labeled 6A.
- 17 Okay. And then 6C, is that the aisle O 18
- seat?
- 19 That is the seat next to the aisle, yes.
- 20 And it's right at the bulk head. 21
  - Q And who sat in 6C?
- 22 A My husband, David, sat in 6C, or he sat
- 23 in the aisle seat next to me.
- Q Okay. Okay. So you woke up around 7 24
- 25 a.m. Sorry, I'll stop sharing. And you had
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- Q Okay. I'll represent that these are
- documents that were produced in response to
- request for production, which are Bates-stamped,
- Mountain 9 through 12. Do you -- do you recognize
- 5 this document?
- 6 Α Yes, I do.
- 7 O What is it?
- A It is the itinerary from Tauk Tours of
- our flight arrangements to Dubai and then on to
- Amman and from Cairo, Egypt to Dubai. A stay over
- in Dubai and direct flight from Dubai to Miami. 11
- 12 Q Okay. And on Mountain 11 on the bottom
- 13 of page 3, it says there's a flight on Emirates on
- November 9th; is that the subject flight?
- 15 A Yes, it is.
- 16 Q Okay. And this was -- it says it left
- 17 from Dubai National Airport at 3:25 a.m.; is that
- A Yes. But we did not leave, I do not 19
- 20 believe until around -- I know we worked in late,
- 3:50 or -- I don't think we even boarded until
- close to that time, but I could be wrong.
- 23 Q So it was scheduled to depart at 3:25,
- but you were delayed for some period of time. You
- 25 might not have departed until 4, 3:50?

- breakfast. Did you have any drinks with
- breakfast?

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- 3 A Coffee.
  - Okay. No alcohol; right? O
  - Not with breakfast, never.
- Okay. And did you -- did you have lunch
- at the hotel or anywhere else?
- A I don't recall that day if we had lunch
- at the hotel or if we went out to one of the -- we 9
- would -- we went out for a walk, and I don't
- recall if we stopped for lunch. We did not take a
- 12 tour that day.
- 13 Q Did -- do you know if you had any drinks 14 at lunch?
- 15 A No. We don't drink at lunch either.
- 16 Q All right. And then you said you had
- dinner; is that around 7:00 p.m.? 17
- 18 A Yes. I don't believe the rest -- it was a new restaurant, and I believe they were just 19
- 20 opening for dinner, beginning at seven.
  - Was it in the hotel? O
- 22 Yes. It was right in the hotel. Α
  - Okay. And did you have drinks with dinner?
- A I had a glass of white wine. 25

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- 1 Anything else? O
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- 3 Q And what time did you check out of your 4 hotel?
- 5 A I believe we went down around 10:30, I
- believe our pickup time was 11:00 p.m. I -- I 6
- 7 believe we went downstairs and turned our keys in around 10:30 in the evening. 8
- Q And did you head directly from the hotel 9 10 to the airport?
- A Yes. The driver picked us up at the 11
- 12 hotel and we went direct, no stops.
- 13 Q How long was that drive?
- 14 A Half an hour, maybe. I -- I don't
- recall more than that. It's not that -- really, 15
- they travel so fast, it's...
- 17 Q So did you arrive at the airport around 18 11:30 p.m.?
- 19 Midnight at the very latest, I believe.
- 20 Okay. And what were you wearing?
- A I was wearing slacks and a sweater and 21 22 carrying a jacket.
- 23 Q What kind of shoes were you wearing?
- 24 A Black leather shoes.
- 25 Were they lace-up, were they heels, or?

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- Did you put a mask on?
- 3 A No.

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- Q Why do you take them off?
- 5 A I don't sleep in my glasses. They
- are -- I'm afraid of breaking them if I turn the
- 7 wrong way or anything.
- Q Okay. What is your prescription?
- A Prescription, it's -- for distance, it
- is not, no. My prescription is brought close,
- because I do the needle work. My -- I have, like, 11
- a 150, 125 plus. It's not a strong prescription, 12
- 13 they are bifocals, though. 14
  - Q Were you traveling with your husband,
- 15 you know, getting to the airport and --
  - A Yes. Yes.
- 17 Q Were you traveling with anyone else?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q And you went to the -- so you got to the
- 20 airport around 11:30, 12, and there was some delay
- with your -- with your baggage. About how long
- was that delay? 23
  - A That delay had to be half --
- 24 three-fourths of an hour anyway.
- 25 Q Okay. So you got to the airport around
- A No. They're slip on, they're slip-on. 1
- I try and wear slip-ons at the airports because
- you never know which ones want you to take your shoes off anymore and which ones don't. 4
- Q That's a good idea. Were you wearing a 5 shirt or anything else underneath the sweater?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Okay. Do you still have all that 9 clothing?
- 10 A No. I threw the pants away and the 11 socks.
- 12 Q Okay. Our -- I notice you're wearing glasses now, and your answers to interrogatory
- indicate that you were prescribed glasses in
- August 2021; is that right? 15
- 16 A I had a prescription for glasses for
- quite a length of time. I renewed the 17
- prescription in August of 2021, and it is still
- 19 the same prescription.
- 20 Q Were you wearing glasses on the day of
- 21 the incident?
- 22 A Yes. Until we reclined to go to sleep, 23
- 24 Q And when you reclined to go to sleep, did you take them off?

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- 1 11:30, 12, and then you've gotten through security

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- and checking in at around 12:30ish?
- 3 A Somewhere around that time.
  - Q Okay. And then you went to the lounge;
- 5 right?

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- 6 A That's correct.
  - Q Is that the Emirates lounge?
- 8 A Yes, it was.
- 9 Q Did you have any drinks while you were
- 10 at the lounge?
- 11 A Just a soft drink.
- 12 Q You were there from 12:30 until at least
- 13 3:30; is that right?
- 14 A No. I -- I don't like not knowing where
- 15 our gate is for sure, and I always insist on
- 16 leaving. If we're to board, say, at 3:30, I
- always like to leave at least 15, 20 minutes, 17
  - maybe even a half an hour to make sure I know
- exactly where I'm going and that we have 19
- 20 everything with us, and we're not going to end up
- fumbling to a different gate because it changed
- gates with the planes or anything, so we always
- 23 leave early. We -- we went to the gate early.
- We're told it was delayed, and I believe we went
- 25 up an escalator and it's a big hallway, like, a

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- 1 big empty hallway to get on the Emirates flight --
- the boarding area where we were. And there were a
- few benches there, but really, it wasn't -- it
- wasn't like a lounge or seated area for general
- 5 seating to board the plane.
- Q Okay. So if you left, let's say you
- left 30 minutes early, you would have been in the 7
- lounge from around 12:30 to around 3:00 a.m.? 8
- A I would -- I would say -- I would say 9 10 yes to that, yes.
- Q Okay. And then you made your way to the 11 gate, and did you just stay there or in that area 12 for the delay? 13
- A We stayed right outside of the boarding 15 gate, yes.
- 16 Q Okay. And how long were you around the 17 gate before boarding?
- A Twenty -- 25, 30 minute, maybe. Half an 18 hour at the maximum, I would say. 19
- 20 Q Okay. At any time from the moment you got to the airport, including the lounge and 21
- waiting at the gate, did you notice the other 23 passenger that was involved in this incident?
- A No. I -- I don't -- I still would not
- 25 know -- I would not recognize him now.

- are both seats, we were in bulkhead seats, the
- same row, but on the opposite sides of the plane.
- Q Yeah. So are A -- are seats 6A and 6C 3 4 next to each other?
  - A Yes, they are.
    - Q Okay. And those are both bulkhead seats
- 7 in the business class of the aircraft?
- 8 A That's correct.
  - Q And you were seated in the window seat?
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- Q And your husband was seated in the aisle 11 12 seat next to you?
  - A Correct.
- Okay. And the 6A seat would be the one 14 that's closest to the door in which the passengers 15 16 enter the aircraft?
- A No. Because there's a bulkhead there. 17
- 18 Q Okay. So on what side of the aircraft did you -- did you enter? 19
- 20 A On the same side as our seats.
- 21 Q Okay. And there's no middle seat
- 22 between 6A and C; right?
  - A No, there is not.
- 24 Q Okay. Can you describe the orientation

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of the seating of the business class, in other

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- Q Okay. So you never spoke to him prior 1 to boarding the aircraft; right?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q You didn't see him at the lounge at all?
- 5 A Not in the lounge we were in. It was
- very, very sparsely populated.
- 7 Q You never noticed anything about him 8 prior to boarding the aircraft?
  - A No.

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- 10 Q Did you board the aircraft with the
- other passengers that were in business class? 11
- 12 A We boarded as soon as they allowed us to 13 start boarding, yes.
- Q And you didn't board early or late for 14 the aircraft for any reason? Like, you didn't, 15 you know, require wheelchair assistance --
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- 18 Q -- or any sort of special boarding 19 process; right?
- 20 A No, we did not, no.
- Q Okay. And you requested seats 6J and K, 21
- 22 but you were seated in 6A and C by the bulkhead; 23 is that right?
- 24 A Yes. Well, both -- both seats are,
- 25 they're all in the same aisle, but the -- six --

- words, is it 2/3/2, 2/2/2, you know, how?
  - A It is 2/3/2.
- 3 Q Okay. And after you made it to your
- seat, did you notice the other passenger involved
- 5 in the incident during the time in which all the
- other passengers were boarding? 7
  - A No, I did not.
- 8 Q As you sat down, did you have any 9 drinks?
- 10 A I don't recall for sure, but I may have had a glass of champagne that the stewardess 11
- 12 offered us before taking off. 13
- Q Okay. I'm going to share my screen with you, and this will be Defendant's Exhibit 2, which would be your answers to interrogatories. 15
  - Are you able to see that?
- 17 (Exhibit 2 was marked for
- 18 identification.)

- 19 A Yes, I am.
- 20 Q I'm going to go down to No. 7 here. In
- response to the question asked on whether you
- consumed any alcoholic beverages in the 12 hours 23
- prior to the time of the incident, you indicated
- that one glass of champagne on board Emirates
- airline prior to take off of the aircraft around

1 4:00 a.m. served by the stewardess. Does that refresh your recollection as to whether you had a 3 glass of champagne?

A I believe I did. I normally do when we fly. But when I -- at 4:00 in the morning or whatever time it was, I am not 100 percent sure that I did not take a glass of just the orange juice that they normally offer.

- Q Okay. So you have -- you normally have champagne, and in this instance, you don't know one way or the other whether you did or not?
- A I'm not -- I cannot guarantee that I did have the champagne, but I probably did.
- Q Okay. Were you served any food or snacks, you know, with the champagne when you're first boarding the aircraft?
- 17 A There was not snacks, I don't believe, but I believe there was some sort of a light 19 cheese and crackers or something that we were offered prior to reclining our seats, but again, it was a long day, I was tired, and the incidents 21 that -- that day, I've been -- I don't recall.
- 23 Q Okay. Do you know how long you were seated before the aircraft departed,
- approximately?

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Q Okay. And then did you notice that other passenger involved in the incident at any time, you know, up to the point of departure?

A No. You know, there were two boarding 5 areas for that airplane, because when we went through the upper -- we had to go up an escalator

and then board the airplane and -- and it was interesting because there were a lot of seats

9 below the escalator with -- with people, it

appeared to be were waiting for the same plane, 11 which I'm sure it was, and they -- then there was,

12 I believe there was a sign in the airport or 13 something that indicated we had to go to the upper 14 level to board.

Q But, again, you didn't notice, you know, 16 that, maybe, because there's two boarding areas, you didn't notice the other passenger up to the point of departure of the aircraft; right?

19 A No, I did not.

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20 Q Okay. I'm going to share my screen with 21 you, which would be Defendant's Exhibit 3, and 22 this will be the complaint.

23 (Exhibit 3 was marked for 24 identification.)

25 Let's go to page 3, it says,

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A It was -- it was not that long. I'm sorry. I -- you know, I don't -- I don't -- we

were just getting settled, my husband and I were 3 4 discussing our trip, how wonderful it had been and

what a great time we had, and we're so glad that 5 we had done Jordan and Egypt as a land tour as

7 opposed to doing it from a cruise ship. It was so much better and Tauk Tours what a great, great

tour company they were, and we would definitely 9 tour with Tauk again. Just, you know, reminiscing

between the two of us, what a great time we'd had. 11 12

Q Okay. And the amount of time that you were on the aircraft before it departed, was that normal for, you know, any other flight?

A Well, the flight -- the flight from 15 16 Venice, this -- this summer -- in the spring, I think we sat on the airplane for two and a half or three hours or so before it took off, because they lost their place in line and had to wait, so 19 20 what's normal anymore with airline flights? 2.1

Q Sure. But in this case, there was no delay like that or anything; right?

23 A No massive delay, no, it didn't appear that way. To me, it didn't. I don't recall that 25 it was a massive delay.

"Approximately, one hour into the flight, many of

the other passengers were reclined and ready for

sleep. Suddenly, there was a disturbance. A

passenger came stumbling from the back of the plane, obviously very drunk and attempted to take

a seat, second from the aisle, same row as the 7 plaintiff in business class."

Did I read that correctly?

A Which -- oh, I see, No. 10, No. 10?

Q Yes, ma'am. 10

11 A Oh, yeah. Okay.

12 Q Did I read that correctly?

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14 Q As you sit here today, is it your 15 testimony that the -- well, scratch that. As it states here, approximately one hour into the flight, the other passenger stumbled from the back 17 of the plane. Is this the first moment where you 19 noticed this other passenger? 20

A It is.

2.1 Q Up until this moment, meaning an hour 22 now into the flight, was there anything different 23 about this flight than any other? 24

A No.

25 How was your seat oriented, was it 65

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- facing the front of the aircraft? 1 2
  - A Yes.
- 3 Q So did you actually witness this other passenger walk from the back of the plane towards 5 business class?
- A I did not see him walk from the back of 7 the plane to the business class. I saw him stumbling. I noticed him when he was stumbling 8
- over the passenger that was seated in that center 9 three -- center three-seat section. He was --
- that passenger was already -- had his seat 11
- 12 reclined and in the sleep position, and he was
- lying down asleep, and the disturbing passenger 13
- stumbled over, tried to get over the seat, and
- fell on top of him. The passenger that was
  - reclined moved a bit. You know, kind of pushed
- him off a little bit, but he got over the seat
- and -- and -- or tried, further, to get over the
- 19 seat, and the stewardess came along.
- 20 Q So you never witnessed the other -- the other passenger involved in this incident walking 21 down the aisle or to the seat area?
- 23 A He did not bring himself to my attention 24 until he was stumbling over the passenger.
- Q Okay. Is the reason that you imply he 25

- 1 A No, I do not. It was a female stewardess, so.
- 3 Q Did that female stewardess attend to you while you were in business class?
- A No. Unless she served us the glass of either orange juice or champagne, whichever I had 7 taken.
- Q Do you know from which seat the passenger involved in this incident came from when 9 he attempted to sit in the business class?
  - A No, I do not.
- 12 Q All right. Do you have any reason to believe that he was seated in the back of the 13 plane as you allege in paragraph 10?
- A I did not see him come from the front. 15 16 I didn't see him come from the front, but if he 17 came from first class, why would he come to business class? That would be -- I made the 19 assumption that he was at the back of the plane.
- 20 Q Were you in the -- is this a 21 double-decker aircraft?
- 22 A No, it was -- no, it was not.
- 23 Q And when you say "back of the plane," do you mean economy, or do you mean just a different

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row behind row six?

was obviously very drunk because he allegedly stumbled over this other passenger?

- A You could hear him speaking slurredly to 3 the stewardess, and my husband indicated to me 4 that he was, obviously, very drunk. 5
  - Q What language did he speak?
- 7 A Well, I didn't pay that much attention to it. I really, I don't recall. I believe he was -- I'm sorry, I don't recall.
- 10 Q Do you speak any Arabic languages?
- A No, I do not. 11

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- 12 Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that the other passenger involved in this incident 13 was speaking English at all?
- 15 A I mean, it came to my attention, so I believe he was slurring, so that's why I thought he must have been speaking English, but I cannot 17 18 say for sure.
  - Q What did you hear him say?
- 20 A It was so slurred. You could tell it was -- he was trying to say something to the
- stewardess. I do know she spoke English back to 23 him.
- 24 Q Do you -- do you know the name of that 25 stewardess?

- A A different row behind row six.
- Q Okay. Do you have any reason to believe that this other passenger was not seated in 3 business class?
  - A I don't know anything about the other passenger.
- 7 Q On paragraph 11, it says, "The drunken passenger nearly fell on top of a passenger sitting in the aisle seat. When the flight
- attendant noticed the commotion and advised him to
- return to his seat towards the back of the plane,
- the drunken man protested loudly, used very rude 13 language, and the flight attendant capitulated and
- allowed the drunken man to take the seat he
- sought." Did I read that correctly? 15 16
  - A Yes.
- 17 Q When it says "nearly fell on top of a passenger sitting in the aisle seat," is that what 19 you're referring to earlier when the passenger 20 stumbled?
- 21 A So he is -- yes, and the passenger 22 sitting in the aisle seat was not sitting, he was 23 reclined.
- 24 Q Okay. And when you say "the aisle seat," what seat are you referring to? Is this

1 row six?

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- 2 A Yes, it is, row six.
- 3 Q Okay.
- 4 A Across the aisle from my husband's seat 5 of row 6C.
- Q Okay. So this would be the seat 7 directly next to your husband across the aisle?
  - A Yes. Against the bulkhead, yeah.
- 9 Q And you indicate that the flight attendant allowed the passenger to change the seat. Do you know what seat he changed to? 11
- 12 A No. I -- all I heard was that she said, "Sir, you cannot sit here. You must return back 13 to your own seat." And he slurred something to her, and -- and she allowed him to sit there. 15
- 16 Q And when you say "he slurred something," 17 do you know what language he was speaking?
- 18 A No, I do not. That's the only time I 19 heard him speak was when the -- the stewardess and 20 the disturbing passenger spoke to each other. That was the only time that I heard him speak. 21
- 22 Q Okay. So it was just this -- just this 23 instance when he was requesting to change his seat 24 is the only time you ever heard this passenger speak?

incident actually sat in after you changed seats?

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- A I don't -- I don't think so, no. I --
- 3 unless there was something in some of the
- paperwork that -- that Jim had forwarded me that 5 I -- their deposition that -- I don't know what
- seat he was in before, you know.
  - Q What do you mean, "their deposition"?
- A Well, their -- their questioning, 8 9
  - their -- you know.

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- 10 Q Who is "they"?
- 11 A Well, Jim gave me some paperwork, but I 12 didn't pay much attention to it. It was answers 13 to, I believe, it was Jim's questions to the defendant. 14
- 15 Q Yeah. Our interrogatories?
  - A Yes, yes.
- 17 Q Yeah. Okay. So next on paragraph 11 18 here, it says, "The drunken man protested very loudly using very loud language." As you sit here 19
- 20 today, you don't know what language he was
- 21 speaking; is that right?
- 22 A No, I don't.
- 23 Q So you don't know one way or another 24 whether he actually used any rude language?
- 25 A No. When my husband and I were

- 1 A That's correct.
- Q Okay. And your complaint here says, "The passenger nearly fell on top of a passenger 3
- sitting in an aisle seat." Is it fair that he did
- not, in fact, fall on top of the other passenger 5
- seated in the aisle?
- 7 A Well, he went down on him, and pushed himself back up again, to which the reclining
- passenger kind of pushed him back and then went --
- laid back down to go to sleep. He did not sit up or anything. He just raised his arm and pushed
- him back when the stewardess was -- was -- came,
- 13 and that's when she spoke to him and said, "You
- cannot sit here. You must go back to your own 15 seat."
- 16 Q Okay. Did you witness the passenger do 17 this -- I guess, this interaction with the aisle passenger and the passenger involved in the 19 incident?
- 20 A I did.
- Q Did you ever speak with the passenger 21 that was involved in this incident? 22
- A No. 23
- 24 Q And as you sit here today, you don't
- 25 know what seat the passenger involved in this

- discussing it, when he finally had me speak to him
  - about the incident -- when my husband finally had
  - me speak to him about the incident, he was closer
  - to the -- the man and he told me, but I did not
  - 5 hear, clearly, what he had said.
    - Q Okay. And in paragraph 12, it says,
  - "When the disturbance apparently ended, the
  - plaintiff and her husband reclined to return to 9 sleep. Approximately, one hour later, they were
  - awakened, Ms. Mountain, hysterical, as the drunken
  - man was in the aisle leaning on the bulkhead for
  - support and urinating onto Ms. Mountain, finishing 13 by shaking his penis. Mr. Mountain pushed the
  - drunken man aside and rushed to the first class
  - curtain for help." Did I read that correctly? 15 16
    - A Yes.
  - 17 Q As you sit here today, is it your
  - testimony that the incident occurred another hour
  - 19 after this initial current occurrence? 20 A I don't know how long it was. I went
  - 21 into a very -- we reclined. I went into a very
  - 22 deep sleep, and I was awakened by what I thought
  - 23 was something crawling on my leg. I thought it
  - was a bug or something and -- and I -- we have
  - been traveling in the tropical areas, and you had

to be careful of spiders and so on and so forth,

- so I was in a deep sleep. I felt something on my
- leg, and when I reached down to see what it was,
- my hand was wet, and it -- it made me kind of sit
- 5 up a bit and turn, because I was laying on my left
- side, facing the window, and turn, and to see this
- guy leaning on the bulkhead with his penis in his
- hand and urinating on me. And I screamed and
- 9 shook my husband, and he -- he rolled over and --
- and looked and pushed the guy and got up out of
- his seat and went towards the first class -- my 11
- 12 husband went towards the first class section, and
- 13 the steward came back to see what was happening.
- By this -- by the time the steward got there, the
- disturbing passenger had gotten back into the
- seat, in the center seat of aisle six, and the
- 17 steward was paying attention to me and my husband.
- Q Okay. So let me -- let me go back a
- bit. The aircraft departed around four, and then 19
- 20 the initial change of seat took place an hour
- later, so that would around 5:00 a.m.; is that 21
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- 23 A I don't -- I didn't look at my watch. I
- don't know what time it was. I -- I was -- the
- whole thing, I'm trying to put out of my mind

- A No, I don't. I have no idea, whether he
  - has a friend or not. I don't know. He -- my
  - husband said that when he had the interaction with

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- the stewardess that what he was slurring was that
- 5 he wanted to sit with his friend. No one had --
- the gentleman that was reclined and sleeping made
- no indication that he was a friend or not.
- Q Was there -- so the center -- the aisle 9 seats -- the center section of seats, there are
- 10 three seats there; is that right?
  - A That's correct.
- 12 Q Okay. And there was a passenger that
- 13 was reclined in the seat directly next to your
- husband across the aisle; right? 15
  - A That's correct.
  - O Okay. And what about the other two
- 17 seats, were they occupied?
- 18 A The center seat was empty. The seat on
- 19 the opposite side of the plane, being the right
- 20 side of the plane in the -- that center section
- was occupied by, it appeared to be a female, but
- I'm not -- I'm not sure. Long hair, I remember
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- 24 Q Okay.
- 25 A I remember when -- when he fell into

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- completely, and I was -- every time I think about
- it, I am so shaken. I don't know what time it
- was. I assume it was an hour later. It seemed 3
- 4 like forever until that plane landed, and it was,
- I don't know, a 16-hour flight or whatever it was. 5
- It couldn't have been -- it could have been four
- 7 hours later. I don't know the exact time. I'm
- assuming. I was moved around so many times, and I
- 9 don't know what happened after that too much. I'm 10
- 11 Q No. It's perfectly fine. Do you want 12 to take a break at all?
- 13 A I'm okay. I want to get this over with.
- 14 Please, continue.
- 15 Q Did you ever witness the passenger
- 16 involved in this incident being served any drinks 17 while on the aircraft?
- 18 A No. I didn't pay any attention to
- 19 anything else going on around the aircraft until
- 20 the two disturbing incidents: him falling over the
- passenger to get to that seat that was not 21
- 22 assigned to him and when he urinated on me.
- 23 Q Do you know one way or the other whether
- 24 the passenger involved in this incident knew
- anyone else on the aircraft or on row six?

- 1 that center seat as such and had the interaction
- with the stewardess, I'm pretty certain that
- the -- the passenger in -- on the right-hand seat
- on that side, I believe if it was a female, she
- was sitting, and I think -- I'm pretty sure I
- looked at her, and there was no -- didn't appear
- 7 to me that she recognized the gentleman at all
- when the incident was happening.
- 9 Q Okay. And after this occurrence with
- the passenger seated in the aisle took place, did
- 11 you personally believe that the passenger involved
- 12 in this incident was, obviously, very drunk?
  - A I made the assumption.
  - Q Did you raise any concerns with the
- 15 flight attendants?

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- 16 A Not at that time, no. I don't feel that
- 17 it is my -- my job to make judgment. That is the
- airline and the personnel that worked with the
- airline to make the judgment whether the passenger 19
- 20 is drunk and if they're able to fly, if they're
- able to serve them further drinks on board. That 21
- 22 is not my judgment. 23 Q Okay. And then after this -- prior to
- this incident with the, you know, him changing
- seats, had you fallen asleep at all within that

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- one-hour period? 1
  - A No. I had not, no.
- 3 Q Okay. And then after that took place,
- you -- you fell asleep at some point. How long after that did you fall asleep?
  - We -- almost immediately.
  - Okay. Q

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- 8 A Dropped down our seats and -- and we
- went to sleep. It was very late. As I said, we 9
- had boarded it at 3:00 in the morning or 4:00,
- whatever it is, and we had been up since 7:00 that 11 12 morning, so.
- 13 Q Sure. Let me back up. How long was 14 this entire trip that you had through Dubai and -yeah, just this whole trip? 15
- 16 A It was -- I believe, it was a
- 17 three-week -- three-week trip altogether.
- 18 Q So by the time your body had acclimated to the time zone of Dubai, I mean, it felt like 19
- 20 3:00 in your body?
- 21 A Well, I think there's a, like, a
- three-hour time zone or something between Dubai
- and Egypt. We had been -- in Egypt, which was,
- essentially, within an hour or so of each other
- and -- and then direct to Dubai. It was a -- I

- Q Ms. Mountain, I'll represent that this
- is a document that was produced which is
- Bates-stamped Mountain 36 to 37. Do you recognize
- this document?
- 5 A I do.

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- O What is it?
  - A It is the statement that my husband,
- 8 David, has -- his recollection of the incident and
- what has happened to me since and what has
- happened to our life and my life and how I'm able
- to handle things. 11
- Q Okay. So this document was drafted by 12 13 your husband?
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  - A Yes.
- 15 Q Do you know when he drafted it? 16
  - A No, I don't. He -- my husband spoke to
- 17 our lawyer friend, Read McCaffrey.
- 18 Q Let me interject. I don't need to know
- any conversations you've had with counsel. 19
- 20 A Okay. But it -- he drafted it as a
- 21 notice for him and to explain the situation and
- request his help in getting some help, if he --
- because he knows that Read has contacts with
- psychiatrists and at -- at the Cleveland Clinic 25 and -- and wondered if he knew of anyone that
- 1 think it was a three-hour flight to Dubai from,
- from Cairo. It was -- yes, we were acclimated.
- 7:00 in the morning, I'm not -- our normal bedtime
- 4 is, like, 11.
- 5 Q Right.
- A In the evening.
- 7 Q And when you went to sleep, were you
- 8 using a blanket?
- A Yes, I was. It's a -- provided by the
- 10 airline. It was more like a quilt kind of a 11
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- Q So this is thicker than, like, the 13
- economy class thin, blue blanket that passengers received? This is one of those kind of heavier
- 15 quilts?
- 16 A Yeah. Puffy, puffy type of quilt, yes.
- 17 Q All right. I'm going to introduce
- what's going to be marked as Defendant's Exhibit
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- (Exhibit 4 was marked for 20
- 21 identification.)
- BY MR. THORNTON:
- 23 Q Just give me one second. Sorry. Let me
- 24 know when you can see what I've shared.
- 25 A Okay.

could help me through the stress that I was having

- and the problems I was -- I was having getting
- past this incident.
- Q Let me draw your attention here to
- something. This is in paragraph one, two -- this
- is paragraph four. On line three here, it says,
- "I had been in more of a fetal position because I
- have a bad back, and the man from 6E had leaned
- against the overhead and urinated all over
- Lenore's blanket-covered legs." Did I read that
- 11 sentence correctly?
- 12 A That's correct.
- 13 Q Is that how you recall the incident,
- that the other passenger urinated on your legs,
- which was covered by a blanket? 15
- A It was covered by the blanket, and the 16
- 17 blanket absorbed through to my clothes and the
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- 19 Q Okay. So, yeah, going off the next
- 20 sentence here, it says, "When she became aware of
- the moisture seeping through the blanket and her
- clothes, she awoke just after him shaking his
- penis after finishing his urination." Did I read
- 24 that correctly?
- 25 A Yes.

- Q Okay. So by the time you awoke, the 1 passenger had finished urinating and was putting his penis away; is that correct? 3
- A He was still leaning against the bulkhead and shaking his penis and returning it 5 inside his pants. 6
- 7 Q But he -- and I apologize in advance 8 for, you know, any crude language, but at the time, he wasn't still urinating when you woke up; 9 10 right?
  - He was dripping.

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- 12 Other than your leg, did the passenger 13 pee anywhere else?
- A My socks, my shoes, the -- the floor of the -- of the plane. 15
- 16 Q Anywhere else?
- 17 A I'm sure it was on the seat, soaked 18 everywhere.
- 19 Q The urine didn't get into your eyes or 20 your mouth; right?
- No, it did not. 21 A
- 22 Did that passenger hit you at all?
- 23 Physically hit me?
- 2.4 Correct. 0
- 25 With his hands or something, you mean?

- 1 Q So was the passenger standing kind of in front of your husband's reclined seat?
- 3 A Yes, over --
- Q Okay.
- 5 A -- towards -- more towards the bulkhead.
- He was closer to the bulkhead than the center of the seating area.
- Q Okay. Did the passenger urinate over your husband at all, or did the passenger stand,
- you know, did he walk past your husband's legs to go, I suppose, in the corner? 11
- 12 A No. He -- he stood over. He was in the
- aisle. He was not -- and David sleeps with his 13 legs tucked up. He was in a fetal position. I
- don't know if my husband's seat had urine on it or
- not. I -- I don't know, I didn't touch it. I
- 17 just shook my husband, I screamed, and I shook my
- husband. And he immediately came to attention and
- saw what was happening and pushed the passenger 19
- 20 who was kind of walk -- he was standing, wobbling, and I just went into shock. I don't -- I remember 21
- the steward coming back with my husband, and I
- don't remember too much of anything after that. I
- remember them picking up -- I remember the steward
- asking me if I was wet and I said, "Yes." And he

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- Q Correct. Was there any physical altercation between you two?
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- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Did the urine cause any burns to your skin or anything like that? 5
  - A No.

- 7 Okay. So you -- you were then awoken, and you turned in and witnessed the -- scratch
- that. Did you witness the passenger putting his 10 penis away?
- A Yes. 11
- 12 Your glasses were not on at that time, or did you reach up and put them on before that? 13
- 14 A I can see distance. My glasses were not 15
- 16 Q Okay. And, I guess, I'm a little confused on the orientation of the aircraft. You 17 were in the window seat?
- 19 A I was.
- 20 Q Okay. So how did the passenger get over to the window seat to urinate on your legs and get around your husband?
- 23 A He leaned on the bulkhead and leaned in.
- My husband was in his seat, reclined, sleeping 25 with his back to me.

- 1 went forward. He brought some pajamas -- pajama
- bottoms for me. And he took me to the first class
- washroom to have me change and a bag -- gave me a
- bag to put my clothes in, my wet clothes, and I --
- I returned and -- and I -- I believe between my
- husband and him, they had -- they were bagging up
- or, my husband wasn't bagging, the steward was
- bagging the blanket in a plastic bag, a large
- plastic bag, and -- and I don't know how I got any
- other -- the next seat. The next place they -- he
- said that I couldn't -- and I don't know whether
- it was the steward said I couldn't sit there or my
- husband said she can't sit -- she can't sit in
- this, and I don't know, but they moved me to
- 15 another seat.
- 16 Q Okay. So your husband then got up --
- 17 let me go back through some of this. Your husband
- got up and went to the first class cabin and spoke
- to a crew member. Do you -- do you know the name
- 20 of that crew member?
- 21 A No, I don't.
- 22 Q Can you describe him?
- 23 A He was a steward. He was a tall man.
- He had very thinning hair on top. He was Middle
- 25 Eastern. I don't know of what nationality, but he

1 was a fairly substantially built steward.

- Q And after the incident, is that the -did you interact with any other flight attendants or stewards or crew members?
- 5 A Not that I recall, no. He was the only one. He came several times. Once they got me in the final seat that I was in, where they allowed
- 8 my husband to come and finally join me. He came a
- couple of times and spoke to my husband, but, 9 except for -- I did not hear what they were saying
- at the time except for the recollection from my 11
- 12 husband explaining what had happened. I don't
- 13 recall. 14
  - Q Did you, yourself, speak to the crew member, or was your husband doing all the communication with that stewardess?
- 17 A Speak to him about what?
- 18 Q Did you speak at all to the -- to the
- crew members after the incident? 19
- 20 A He asked me if I was wet. If -- if the 21 man had -- he asked me what had happened, he
- questioned me about what had happened. He asked
- me, when I told him the incident, he reiterated to
- me. He said, "Did you witness his penis?" And I said, "Yes." He offered me, when I was in the

- You mean clothing wise? 1
  - Yeah. Anything else, clothing or
- 3 otherwise?

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- A No clothing, no blanket, nothing.
- Did you request any medical treatment?

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- 6 No. I don't know. I don't think so.
  - Q Did you speak to the other passenger
- 8 that caused the incident at all?
  - A No.
- 10 Q And after the incident, you were
- 11 relocated; right?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Do you know what seat you were first 14 relocated to?
- 15 A No, I don't.
  - Q Do you know whether it was in the same
- 17 row that you were already seated in?
  - A I ended up in the same row at the end,
- but I do not know. I don't think that was the 19
- 20 first seat. I felt like I was being moved a
- 21 second time, but I don't know.
- 22 Q Okay. When you were first moved, were
- 23 you moved to a seat that was -- your husband could
- 24 not sit next to you?
- 25 A Correct.

- 1 final seat when my husband was seated with me, I
- was -- he came over and he asked me if I was -- if
- I would like a cup of tea. Right after the --
- 4 when he found out I was wet, he offered me the
- pajamas, but I -- other than that, I did not have 5
  - any -- I did not speak to the...
- 7 Q Okay. And you were given a change of pants; right?
- A They were pajama bottoms. He explained they were -- it was a pajama bottom from the first class section. They must give them pajamas when 11 12 they board.
- 13 Q Okay. Did you need any other clothing -- did you change into any other clothing other than the pajama bottoms? 15
- 16 A I took my socks off and threw them away 17 as well.
- 18 Q Did they give you other socks to wear?
- 19 Α No.
- 20 Did you -- were you -- in business O
- class, were you provided with another pair of 22 socks?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q Other than the PJs, the PJ bottoms, did
- 25 they give you anything else?

- Q And then you were relocated again to two
  - seats so that you could both sit together; is that
  - 3 right?
  - 4 A Yes.
  - 5 And you believe that was row six? Q
  - A I know it was row six. It was in the
  - same seat. The same row in the seats that we were
  - originally to have, and I could look down the row
- and see the guy -- the person reclined and having
- a very good sleep, by the looks of it. It was 11
  - chilling.
- 12 Q So were the two seats that you were
- 13 moved to the window aisle on the opposite side of the aircraft?
- 15 A From our original seats, they were on 16 the opposite side of the aircraft, yes.
- 17 Q And which one did you sit in, the aisle 18 or the window?
- 19 A The window.
- 20 Q Were you offered two seats in first
- 21 class?
- 22 A After we were seated there, yes. My
- 23 husband -- my husband said, did you want -- "They
- offered us seats in first class, did you want to
- 25 move?" And I said, "No. I don't want any more

1 attention. I disturbed the other passengers and I

- don't want anyone to know what happened. I don't
- want anyone questioning me."
- Q Okay. So you declined those first class 5 seats that were offered?
- A I'm sure we were -- must have been close 7 to landing anyway. It was -- it seemed like the
- 8 night had gone on forever after I was awakened.
  - Q Do you want to take a moment?
- 10 A I'd like to get this over with, please.
- 11 Q Okay. Do you know exactly when you were
- 12 offered the first class seats?
- A No, I don't. Close to the -- the end of 13
- the -- of the ordeal. 15 Q Do you know how long before landing you
- 16 were offered the first class seats?
- 17 A No, I don't.

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- 18 Q Did you request that police be called
- 19 when you landed?
- 20 A I personally did not.
- 21 Did anyone? Q
- 22 A My husband did.
- 23 Who did he make that request to?
- 24 The purser. The gentleman that had
- originally assisted in getting the pajama bottoms,

- Emirates that you did not want to stick around for police to arrive?
- 3 A I did not, no.
  - Q Do you know whether your husband did?

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- 5 A No. I do not, no. I don't believe he
- would do that.
  - Q After you relocated your seats, was the
- 8 flight uneventful from then forward? 9
  - A As far as I know, yes.
- 10 Q Did you have any meals after the
- 11 incident?

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- 12 A No.
- Were they offered to you? 13 O
  - I don't remember.
- 15 Q Did you deplane with all the other 16
- passengers? 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Did you speak to any of the crew members
- as you exited the aircraft? 19
- 20 A I did not.
  - Q You never thanked any of the crew
- 22 members?
  - A Not I, no.
- 24 Q Did you speak to the passenger involved
- in the incident at all while you're deplaning or

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- 1 the cup of tea, and moving us around. He was the only crew member that -- that did anything
- involved with this incident. 3
  - Q And did that crew member let you know that you would need to be present if you wanted police to be contacted?
  - A Present where?
- Q If they were going to call the police on your behalf, that you would need to be present for 10 the police to arrive and tell them, you know, make your claim to them? 11
- 12 A Well, that's a given, yes. I 13 understand -- I understood that -- were the police called, I would have to testify, I would have to 15 give them a statement, I am -- I know that.
- 16 Q Did you have a connecting flight after you arrived in Miami?
- A No. Our car was parked in a -- in a parking garage, and we were driving home for two and a quarter hours, two and a half hours, I 21
- 22 Q And when you say "home," you mean the property in Naples? 23
- 24 That's correct.

guess, it is.

25 Okay. After the -- did you ever notify after you exited the aircraft?

- A No. The steward came while -- before
- we -- we landed, while we were still in flight,
- the steward came and spoke to my husband and my
- husband said -- told me that he had -- that the
- steward had spoken to the passenger and that the
- 7 passenger wanted to come and apologize to me and
- did I want that. And I told my husband, no, I did
- not. I did not want to see him. I did not want
- anything. I did not want any kind of an
- 11 interaction with him at all.
- 12 Q Okay. So just to confirm, you've never
- 13 spoken to the other passenger at all since the
- incident through today or anything like that?
- 15 A I don't know who the other passenger 16 was.
- 17 Q
- 18 A I don't know his nationality. I don't
- know what he looks like. No, I have not spoken to 19
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- 21 Q Do you know his name?
- 22 A No, I do not.
- 23 Q Okay. Could we take, like, a five-,
- ten-minute break? I'm going to -- after this, I
- think I'm going to move on from the incident

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- 1 itself.
- 2 (Off the record.)
- BY MR. THORNTON:
- O So we are back after a brief break. I
- just have a few more questions, you know, kind of
- regarding the incident. Did you take any photos
- after the incident? 7
- A I personally did not take any photos.
- My husband took a photo of the -- actually, the --9
- 10 I believe the steward took a photo of the floor
- with the urine streaks on it and Air Dropped that 11
- 12 to my husband. Otherwise, I don't know how --
- David -- maybe David took it. Someone had a photo 13
- of the -- anyway, he showed me afterwards, a
- photo. My husband showed me after we got back to Canada that Christmas, showed me a photo of the
- 17 floor of the aircraft and...
- 18 O Okay.
- A I -- that -- that's the only photo that 19
- 20 I know of.
- 21 Q Okay. And did you, other than when you
- heard the passenger trying to, you know, change
- his seats, did you hear the passenger involved in
- 24 this incident speaking any other time after then?
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- That's correct. 1
- Q So the only conditions that you're
- complaining of in this lawsuit are contained in
- the report by Dr. Lubit; is that right? 5
  - A That's correct.
  - Q I -- can you -- can you -- I just
  - switched it over. Can you see the change?
    - A Yes. This is Dr. Lubit's report?
- 9 Q Yeah. Jumping ahead of me. So I'm 10 going to mark this as Defendant's Exhibit -- I
- believe this is 5. 11
- 12 (Exhibit 5 was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- BY MR. THORNTON:
- 15 Q Do you recognize this document?
- 16 A I do.
- 17 What is it? Q
  - A It is Dr. Lubit's report on the therapy
- sessions that we have had in the past and his 19
- 20 acknowledgment or interpretation of -- of why I
- have resulted in -- in the feeling and the
- problems that I have resulting from this incident,
- and it's a report of how he -- what he found when 23

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- he was helping me. 24
- 25 Q Okay. And I'll -- I'll represent that
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- Q I want to share my screen with you,
- which is going to be the complaint. I'm going to
- draw your attention to paragraph 16 which says,
- "The drunken man told the purser he had too much
- to drink in the airport and should not have 5
- boarded the plane." You never heard him say that; 7 right?
- A I personally did not hear him say that.
- The purser reiterated that to my husband, and my
- 10 husband, when we were discussing it finally at
- 11 Christmastime, he told -- my husband told me that.
- 12 I did not hear that statement, though.
- 13 Q Okay. Now, I want to share my screen
- again, which is going to be your answers to
- interrogatories. Can you see where I've shared? 15
- A Yes. 16
- 17 Q Okay. And this is interrogatory No. 9
- in which we ask you to describe each injury for
- which you are claiming damages in this case, 19
- 20 specifying the part of the body that was injured,
- the nature of the injury, and as to any injuries
- you contend are permanent, the effects on you that
- you claim are permanent, and in response, you
- 24 said, Please see report by Dr. Roy Lubit; is that
- 25 right?

- 1 these were -- this was produced in response to
- request for production, which is Bates-stamped,
- Mountain 0029 through Mountain 0034?
  - A Yes. Okay. Correct.
- Q All right. It says here that your --
- well, scratch that. Based on this report, it
- appears that he diagnoses you or mentions PTSD and
- major depression; is that right? 8
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q All right. And you first started
- 11 treating with Dr. Lubit on April 3rd, 2023; is
- 12 that right?
- 13 A Correct.
- 14 O And that's almost four months after the
- 15 incident?
- 16 A Correct.
- 17 Q Did you treat with anyone else during
- that four-month period?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q Okay. And according to this report, you
- attended six sessions from April 3rd to
- April 17th; is that right?
- 23 A Correct.
- 24 O Where is Dr. Lubit located?
- 25 A He's in New York.

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1 Q All right. Did you fly to New York for 2 these sessions?

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A No. All of these sessions were by -- by phone or video.

Q How many of these six sessions were on the phone?

A I don't recall. The beginning ones were on the phone because I couldn't get the video working on my phone or on my iPad. The last few were definitely -- the last, I'd say -- definitely two of them, three, possibly, were on video on my iPad.

Q Okay. And why did you decide to hire Dr. Lubit in New York, as opposed to a psychiatrist in your area?

16 A It was recommended to us by our -- he 17 was recommended to us by our lawyer.

18 Q Had you ever treated with Dr. Lubit in 19 the past?

20 A No, I have not. In Canada, the mental health treatment, we -- yes, we have a wonderful 21

health coverage, but the line, especially after 23 COVID, the patients -- there's quite a number of

patients and the lines of -- the length of waiting

time to get any mental health. I don't know any

1 that, you know, I didn't -- I didn't want anybody

to know about this. I didn't want -- it was the

middle of the night and it was -- it was an

incident that I was -- I was shocked. I -- I

couldn't believe it was happening. I never had

anything like that happen before. I -- you know,

he was just asking me what my feelings were about it -- what -- how it was affecting me and...

Q Okay. And you didn't make a disturbance or anything on the aircraft?

11 A Other than awaking my husband and -- and 12 I tried not to. I wanted to keep it totally -- it 13 was embarrassing, totally embarrassing. It still is. I have not -- I have not even told my children about it. My husband is the only one of 15 16 my family that knows anything about this.

17 Q Okay. And so you weren't loudly sobbing 18 or anything on the aircraft?

19 A My husband tells me I was, but I -- I 20 don't remember. I tried not to be, but I wasn't screaming and yelling, I don't think. I don't 22

23 Q Okay. So I assume that, you know, these questions about what happened on the incident would have been that first session you had with

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psychiatrists -- I've -- here in Canada. I don't

know where any would be located if there's any

close to our home or not, but when we're traveling 3

4 between homes, I felt that it was better with a

recommendation of somebody -- from somebody that 5

knew Dr. Lubit himself. The only other person

7 that I've spoken to about this incident is -- is

my general practitioner, Dr. Gatfield. He is now

helping me cope with -- with these issues and 9

supporting me, as well as my physical health.

He's -- he's concerned with my -- my mental health 11 12 as well.

13 Q Okay. Do you know anyone else that treated with Dr. Lubit?

A No. I don't.

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16 O What was involved in each of these 17 sessions that you would have with Dr. Lubit?

A Dr. Lubit would just -- he would generally chat. He would ask me about my 19

background and so on, and how I was feeling, and 20

what kind of things -- you know, how -- he wanted

me to tell him about the incident -- and I did.

23 He questioned me as to why I didn't -- he said a

normal person -- normally, the reaction is to yell

and scream and cause a disturbance, and I told him

1 Dr. Lubit; right?

A Well, they continued through to about

how I felt about it now. You know, who did I 3 feel -- did I feel anger towards the passenger,

5 should I have done something to him, should -- you

know, whatever. I don't want to the know who the

7 passenger was, I don't. I felt that I should have been given a little bit more respect. Then -- why

was I the one that was being treated as I was,

moved around, and -- and why would they allow -- I thought the airlines were to provide safe passage

for the passengers that booked with them. It was

13 their job to make sure that there weren't

14 disturbing passengers on the airplane and... 15

16 A Anyway, I just -- I -- I feel that I had 17 been -- I had been treated as if I am the problem 18 and not him.

19 Q Okay. So going back to these sessions. 20 How long would each session last?

A In the beginning, they were -- they were 21

22 fairly short, but then as I got to know Dr.

Lubit -- some of them went on for an hour, two 24 hours. Mainly, most of them were an hour long.

Q And when you say "in the beginning, they

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- 1 were short," how long do you mean?
- 2 A Oh, forty-five minutes, maybe. They
- 3 were never any shorter than half an hour. And
- 4 that -- if -- if they were short -- Dr. Lubit
- 5 would make time for me. Any time that I needed
- 6 him, he would want me to call two and three times,
- 7 but I -- I tried to involve myself back into our
- 8 regular-type schedule. We had to come home early
- 9 and, you know, it would -- we were moving from the
- 10 U.S. back to -- to Canada because of -- my
- 11 husband's brother-in-law had died, and then it was
- 12 Christmas, so and they were kind of spread out a
- 13 little bit and, you know, if -- I tried
- 14 desperately to call Dr. Lubit before Christmas,
- 15 but I couldn't get into it, I couldn't. He waited
- 16 for me to call. It was -- and he reiterated to me
- 17 that any time that I need him.
- 18 Q Okay.
- 19 A Just call him.
- Q Okay. Have you ever met Dr. Lubit
- 21 personally?
- A Not in person, just over the cameras.
- Q Have you treated with Dr. Lubit since
- 24 April 17th, 2023?
- 25 A I have not treated with Dr. Lubit since

- 1 these phone or video sessions?
  - 2 A With Dr. Lubit?
- 3 Q Yes.
- 4 A Such as? What -- you mean for personal
- 5 treatment?
- 6 Q Yes. For treatment with him, did you do
- 7 anything other than these phone or video sessions?
- 8 A I tried to involved myself back into my
- 9 regular routine, which it's coming, but it's slow.
- 10 It's -- it is tough, it's -- it's not there yet.
- Q Okay. And do you have any appointments 12 scheduled with Dr. Lubit?
  - A No, I do not.
- 14 Q Other than Dr. Lubit, have you treated
- 15 with anyone else as a result of this incident?
  - A Dr. Gatfield.
- Q And is that with respect to PTSD and
- 18 major depression as well?
- 19 A He knows about the incident. I've told
- 20 him about it. He made a personal phone call to me
- 21 and -- and has set aside an appointment for me to
- 22 come in and talk to him about it. He reassured me
- 23 that I had done nothing wrong, that it was not my
- 24 fault, and that he was very supportive. He made
- 25 an appointment for me, made a time for me again

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- 1 I came back from our trip overseas. I -- I talked
- to Dr. Lubit a couple of days before we left for
- 3 our trip to Italy and Croatia and -- but I have
- 4 not called him since I've been with -- talking
- 5 with Dr. Gatfield since.
- 6 Q And when was your trip to Italy and 7 Croatia?
- A In May, late May of this year. I don't
- 9 recall the exact date. We returned home the
- 10 second -- no. The 28 -- 27th, 28th of June, but I
- believe it was late May, close to the 29th of May
- that we left to go to Italy.O Okay. And between April 17th an
- Q Okay. And between April 17th and late 14 May, did you treat with Dr. Lubit?
- 15 A Yes, I did.
- 16 Q How many times?
- 17 A I don't recall how many times. I didn't
- 18 keep track of it.
- Q Do you know in a month, how many -- 20 approximately, how many times you might have
- 21 treated with him?
- 22 A Probably three, maximum four times.
- 23 It -- generally, I -- I would talk to him every
- 24 week.
- Q Okay. Did you do anything other than

- 1 just last week, and I went in and spoke to him
- 2 again about it about -- and it was totally about
- 3 my mental health. There was nothing -- I don't
- 4 have any physical ailments or needs that -- that
- 5 he needs to be aware of, and he's very observant.
- 6 He's -- I've been with Dr. Gatfield for a very
- 7 long time. So he knows both, and he is also my
- 8 husband's personal physician, so we're very
- 9 comfortable with him and he with us.
- 10 Q How many times did you treat with
- 11 Dr. Gatfield with respect to this incident?
- 12 A Twice.
- 13 Q And do you have any appointments
- 14 scheduled?
- 15 A No. Not at this time. If I asked him
- 16 for an appointment, this afternoon, and he were in
- 17 the office, Dr. Gatfield would make room for me.
- 8 He has told me that.
- 19 Q Okay. Other than the treatment that
- 20 we've discussed with Dr. Lubit and Dr. Gatfield,
- 21 have you seen any other doctors or visited any
- 22 other medical facilities as a result of this
- 23 incident?
- 24 A No.
- Q Okay. Looking at this report from Dr.

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1 Lubit, he mentioned here that your early life,

- 2 that your father died in a construction accident
- 2 that your father died in a construction acciden
- 3 when you were eight, and your mother was a
- 4 difficult person, irritable. What do you mean
- 5 about your mother being difficult and irritable?
- A Well, given the fact that she was left
- 7 with four children on her own, children aged from
- 8 under a year old up to eight -- nine years old, my
- 9 brother is 17 months older than I, and there were
- 10 four of us, she had a grade nine education. She
- 11 worked hard to provide for us. There was no
- 12 insurance money. She had a difficult plate. She
- 13 was very -- very controlling of we children, very
- 14 demanding of we children, and we complied. She
- 15 had her own ways, she was brought up in -- during
- the -- just after the depression, lived on the
- 17 prairies, and I think she was, my personal opinion
- 8 was that -- and I don't know this for a fact, but
- 19 my personal opinion was that she was very upset
- 20 that my father had burdened her with four children
- 21 to raise on her own, which, she did an amazing
- job. All four of us have done well, three of us
- 23 have married. My brother has never married. And
- 24 my baby sister is the only one that ever divorced.
- 25 The -- my sister next to me is still with her

Q Okay. And then you're also taking vitamins, potassium, and those are the only prescriptions you had?

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- A Yeah. I had the two prescriptions at the time, Dr. Lubit in September. Dr. Gatfield
- 6 prescribed blood pressure medication because my
- blood pressure has risen, partly because of ageand because of this incident wearing on me as
- 9 well.
  - Q Okay. Do you take any other medication?
- 11 A Just natural vitamins. Nothing -- just
- 12 over-the-counter vitamins. Dr. Lubit had
- prescribed a -- a sleeping medication to me. He
- 4 said that it would help, it was nonaddictive, and
- 15 I should try it, so I -- I didn't want to try it.
- 6 I did fill the prescription, I took one-half of
- 17 the pill, and I did not like the feeling. I felt
- 18 foggy and groggy and whatever, after taking half
- 19 one night. I did not take any further medication
- 20 for sleeping after that and I have not.
- 21 Dr. Gatfield had offered me a sleeping medication
- 22 and -- and I said, "No, I do not like taking
- 23 medication of any sort, if I can get away with
- 24 it." The diuretic I need, the statin, is a need.
- 25 My sister, my brother, have had heart issues.

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1 There's heart issues in my father's family or

- original husband, as I am, and we both married
- 2 very young. Wonderful husbands who, my mother
- 3 didn't necessarily approve of, but she knows they4 did well for us.
  - Q And your mother has passed?
  - A My mother died at 87, yes.
- Q And did you provide any care for her in her late years?
  - A I would go and visit her. Physical care, no. She was in the nursing home when she --
- she needed to go -- to my youngest sister, who is a nursing assistant, she was the main caregiver,
- main contact for her care because I was out of the
- 14 country in Quebec, not living in the town. My
- sister's always lived in the town, so she was thecaregiver, the main caregiver, and had the
- responsibility for my mother.

  O Okay, And looking at
- Q Okay. And looking at -- going back to 19 this Dr. Lubit report, you mentioned some
- 20 prescriptions, what is Amilzide?
- A It's the diuretic that I take that 22 Dr. Gatfield has prescribed to me.
  - Q Okay. And what's Sandoz Pravastatin?
- 24 A That's the statin, that's for
- 25 cholesterol.

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- There's heart issues in my father's family, and
- 2 Dr. Gatfield says statin should be put in the
- 3 water the same as -- as fluoride, it is for your
- 4 teeth, everybody should be taking a statin, and
- 5 now I'm on this medication for -- for blood
- 6 pressure.
- 7 Q Okay. All right. With respect to your 8 PTSD, how does that condition currently affect.
- 8 PTSD, how does that condition currently affect 9 you?
- 10 A Not wanting to interact with -- outside 11 of my home very often. With friends, I do it, I
- 12 try and stay in the protection of -- of family,
- 13 if -- if I can. I -- I don't do very much with my
- 14 friends anymore, as far as golfing or socializing.
- 15 I -- I have started going back to having lunches16 with a group of girls that I was constantly with
- in Stratford, but it's -- I don't -- I don't like
- being in crowds. I force myself to having social, inner people coming into our home. I -- we used
- 20 to have dinner parties here all the time for
- 21 dinner. Our social life is -- is substantially 22 reduced. Even in Florida our social life is
- 23 reduced.
- 24 Q Okay. And what about your depression?
- 25 How does that currently affect you, or are they

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- 1 the kind of same issues?
- A Every time I think about this incident,
- I break down. I can't sleep. I wake up in the
- middle of the night, wondering where my husband
- is, if he's there for me. What's going to happen
- to him. If he's not there the next time. The --
- I never had any reactions before about being on my
- own. I am an independent person, I married young,
- we made our way, we worked hard. I -- I just, it
- has changed my life substantially, socially,
- interactively with family. I -- want family 11
- 12 around, but I don't like people around very much.
- Just -- I just worry about what's going to happen 13
  - when he's gone. It has shaken me.
- Q Okay. Are you currently able to drive? 15
- A Am I able to drive, yes. 16
- 17 Yes. Do you have any issues driving?
  - A I don't drive very often other than to
- get groceries and stuff without my husband with 19 20 me.
- 21 Q Has that changed at all because of this 22
- 23 A I don't go shopping anymore other than
- for groceries. I -- if I need anything, I order
- it and have it shipped to the house, so I don't

- A Specifically as a result of this 2 incident.
- 3 Q And what about on October 10th, was that also in person?
  - A Yes, it was.
  - Q Did you ever go to the ER and treat with
- 7 anyone else for any bodily injuries?
- 8 A Regarding this incident?
- 9 Yes. Q
- 10 Α No.
- 11 Okay. So you're not claiming any bodily O
- 12 incident as a result of this incident, just
- emotional distress, PTSD, depression? 13 14
  - A Correct.
- O How would you describe your current 15 16 condition?
- 17 A Marginal. Good days, bad days. Days 18
- when I'm not occupied with other things, going somewhere, thinking. I'm not sleeping still. 19
- 20 Q Has your treating with Dr. Lubit or
- Dr. Gatfield helped at all? 21
- 22 A It has. I'm much better than I was, I
- 23 feel, but I still feel I have -- I know I have a
- ways to go. I'm trying hard. I don't like
- depending on someone else, but I can't do this on

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- 1 have to go out in public alone. I like to stay on
- the farm or in my house in Florida when we were in
- Florida. Other than going to club -- to the club
- for dinner, doing maintenance issues down there.
- We -- I don't -- we don't go out to Artis or to 5
- the movie or to anywhere, didn't golf.
- 7 Q Okay. When was the last time that you
- treated with any doctor with respect to your
- depression or PTSD in May of 2023?
- 10 A It was with Dr. Lubit, and I don't
- 11 recall exactly what date.
- 12 Q Okay. But you believe it was late May,
- 13 2023, when you went to Italy, Croatia; right?
- 14 With Dr. Lubit, yes. Α
- 15 O Okay.
- 16 Other than that, since then, I've
- treated with Dr. Gatfield, the end of September.
- I'm sorry. The end of August. The end of August,
- and on the tenth of October. 19
- 20 Q Okay. Did you go to see Dr. Gatfield in 21 person?
- 22 A Yes, I did.
- 23 Q Were you there for general physicals, or
- 24 did you go there specifically as a result of this
- 25 incident?

- my own.
- Q Okay.
- A I feel that I'm intelligent enough to 3
- accept the fact that I can't do this on my own.
  - Q Okay. And on a scale of 1 to 10, how
- would you rate your depression or, you know,
- symptoms that -- that it has for you?
- A Which day, what time of the day, what time of the night? 9
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  - Q I guess, on average?
- 11 A Right now, we're -- right now while
- you're questioning me, it's horrible. It's just,
- I can -- I can see it all over again. It's
- just -- and I think -- our son lives on the
- property, and if he ever walked in here and saw me 15
- 16 like this, he would go -- he would just -- he
- 17 would panic. He would -- I'm just afraid how
- people will react. I don't know. I don't know
- 19 how to handle my reactions when they do that.
- 20 Q Okay. So did you want to take a moment 21 or?
- 22 A I would. I would.
  - Q We can take like three minutes, if you
- 24 want and come back at 1:30 or?
- 25 A I'll just catch my breath, I'll just

- 1 catch my breath. I just keep thinking of what
- Dr. Gatfield keep saying to me, "Lenore, Lenore,
- you are in charge. Don't let the bad guys win,
- don't let the bad guys win." I'm not sure what
- 5 they're supposed to win, other than my emotional state falling apart completely.
- 7 Q What do you mean "don't let the bad guys 8 win," who is the bad guys?
- A I don't know who the bad guys are. I 9 just feel like I'm being overwhelmed by this
- feeling of I did something wrong. Who are the bad 11
- guys? They are the bad guys that think I did 12
- something wrong. I didn't. I should have 13
- reacted. I should have -- I should have been more
- forceful during my -- Dr. Gatfield has -- has --
- he said that to me, it made me feel so much better
- that I was in charge. I'm in charge of my life.
- They can't do this to me. I can get control of
- it. With help, I can get control of it. 19

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- Q And when you say "they can't do this to 20 21 me," who are you referring to?
- 22 A Oh, this is affecting me. This is --

Who were you referring to exactly?

- 23 Dr. Gatfield assured me that I did nothing wrong
- and -- and that, you know, with time, this'll all
- go away, and I'm hoping that it will. I'm hoping

Q Okay. You mentioned before that some

A Well, why was I the one that was being

passengers saw it, why was I the one who was being

moved around and, you know, if any of the other

treated like that? Why -- why did nobody from

Emirates customer service ever contact me to find

out how I was doing. Why -- why wasn't I assured

that there would be a report go in? There's been

nothing. I thought the captain of an airplane was

well-being of the passengers while they were under

Emirates at all about anything other than when we

Q Okay. Let me go back to a couple of

of 1 to 10 how your PTSD and depression, how you

guess, I would ask on an average day, on a given

day, how would you rate them on a scale of 1 to

these questions. I asked you earlier on a scale

feel about that -- let me re-ask that, and I

responsible for his passengers, the care and

decided something had to be done.

his charge. I heard nothing, nothing from Air

people made you feel that you did something wrong.

- A Now, I'm probably a 6 -- 5 or 6.
- Q And what about prior to your treating
- with Dr. Lubit?
- 4 A I -- I just -- I just felt like a scale 5
  - of 1 or 2.
  - Q So let me -- let me clarify, when I said
- 7 1 to 10, 10 being the most severe.
- 8 A Oh, oh.

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- So would that mean that you would be --Q
- 10 A No. No. The other way around, the
- lowest -- the lowest scale is -- for me, 1 or 2 11
- 12 would be the lowest, I felt. I was just a basket
- case. I still feel like I'm somewhat, but it's
- getting better. The basket is getting -- at least
- it's manageable. 15
- 16 Q Okay. So if I were to inverse those 17 numbers so that 10 is the most severe, before
- treating with Dr. Lubit, you would be at an 8 or 9
- 19 out of 10, and after treating with Dr. Lubit, you
- 20 would be a 4 or 5; is that right?
- 21 A Yes. I would say that -- or, yes. At
- the end of his sessions, not at the beginning. By
- the end of his sessions, I was feeling much better
- about myself, and I was -- I was feeling I was not
- looking forward to the flight over to Italy, but I

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- 1 we'll get this all said and done, and I'll be able to forget about it, get on with my life.
  - 3 appointments scheduled as a result of this
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    - 5 A No, I don't.
    - 6 Q And you're not taking any medication
  - 9 medication. Whether it's -- I would say it's
  - partly caused by this incident. I'm not a medical
  - 11
  - 12 Q Has any doctor told you that?
  - 13 A That it is related to this incident?

  - 15 No. Α
  - 16 Do you have any other ailments that we
  - - A Arthritis.
  - 19 I meant related to this incident, sorry?
  - 20 A Oh, no. No, I don't.
  - 2.1 Q Have we now discussed all of the
  - 22 treatment that the claim is, related to this
  - 24 A Yes.

thought, I can handle this, I can do it.

- Q You don't currently have any
- incident; right?
- with respect to this incident?
- A Other than the blood pressure
- - person. I don't know that for sure.
- 14 O Correct.
- 17 haven't discussed?
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- 23 incident?
- 25 Q Do you know what kind of future care you

- 1 might need?
- A I've got to have some -- either some
- sort of medical, mental health with Dr. Gatfield
- or Dr. Lubit. I did feel comfortable with
- 5 Dr. Lubit. I would prefer to be with a
- psychiatrist that I could go and visit in person
- as opposed to a video, but if I don't feel
- 8 comfortable talking about it to another one, then
- I would return to Dr. Lubit. 9
- Q Okay. And his report was from back in
- 11 April 21st, 2023, and you'd attended six sessions.
- Between April 21st, 2023, to today, do you know
- how many additional sessions you'd, approximately,
- had with Dr. Lubit?
- 15 A No, I don't. I -- I had spoke to Dr.
- 16 Lubit just a couple, a few days before we flew to
- Italy, but I had been speaking with him on a
- regular basis during the month of May and after
- 19 this report was produced.
- Q Okay. And this would have been April 20
- 21st, so there would be another week in April and 21
- then either three or four weeks in May. And you
- said you attended them, approximately, once a
- week. Do you think that you saw him more than
- five times or spoke to him?

- Q Yeah. With respect to your treatment with Dr. Lubit?
- 3 A Dr. Lubit has not billed me for any treatment.
- 5 Q Do you know if those were being offered 6 as a letter of protection?
- 7 A I don't know what a letter of protection 8
- 9 Q And Dr. Gatfield, is that provided under 10 the -- in the universal healthcare that Canada 11 offers?
- A Yes, it is. And as far as my medical 12
- 13 prescriptions go, once you turn 65 in Canada,
- there was a small fee -- an annual fee of, like,
- \$100, but the pharmacy provides those -- all the 15
- prescriptions or the majority of the prescriptions
- 17 that are eligible, as part of our -- our
- healthcare plan with a small fee to provide them
- 19 by the pharmacy. Like, \$6 or something like that,
- 20 per prescription, for those that are eligible
- 21 under the prescription plan.
- 22 Q Okay. Are you aware of any outstanding
- 23 liens for any medical expenses?
- 24 A We don't have medical expenses in
  - Canada. They're all provided under our healthcare

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- 1 A I -- I don't -- I don't know. I didn't keep track. I really -- I would -- somewhere
- between three and five times I -- I would assume. 3
- 4 Q Okay. What pharmacy do you fill out any 5 prescriptions?
- A At the Jackson Pharmacy in St. Mary's.
- 7 It's now referred to as -- I think it was just
- sold within the last couple years, Sunshine
- Pharmacy, Sunshine Jackson Pharmacy, I believe. 9
  - Q Do you know the address?
- A It's on Wellington Street south in the 11
- 12 town of St. Mary's, Ontario.
- 13 Q And for Dr. Gatfield, does he work out 14 of a hospital, or does he have his own practice?
- A He works out of the wellness center. 15
- 16 It's a -- he is the chief of staff for the
- wellness center for -- it is called Happy Valley.
- There are a number of -- of doctors within the
- group. He is the chief of staff. 19
- 20 Q Do you know the address the street's on?
- 21 A It is on Maiden Lane in St. Mary's,
- 22 Ontario.

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- 23 Q Has insurance paid for any of your
- 24 medical expenses?
- 25 A My medical expenses?

- program.
- Q Okay. And I assume that there's no lien 3
  - for those services in the United States; right?
    - A Not that I'm aware of, no.
- 5 Q Okay.
- A I did discuss -- I did discuss with Dr.
  - Lubit, back in April, his fees and -- and I
- believe his fees are normally, like, \$600 an hour.
- 9 Q And what did -- you know, what did that
- 10 discussion entail? What did he tell you about his 11 fees?
- 12 A I asked him specifically how much I
- would -- I owed him for the fees, his fees and 13
- he -- he said we'll work that out at another time.
- I want to make sure that you're healthy first. 15
- 16 Q Okay. So you have not seen any invoices from Dr. Lubit; right? 17
  - A No, I have not.
- Q Okay. With respect to your daily life 19
- 20 as you sit here today, are you able to get out of
- 21 bed on your own?
- 22 Yes. Α

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- Are you able to --Q
- 24 Α You mean, physically -- physically?
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122 124 1 Trip-and-fall incidents? 1 O 2 Are you able to bathe yourself? 2 Oh, no, no. Q 3 3 Have you ever been involved in any Α Yes. 0 Do you brush your own teeth? slip-and-fall incidents? 5 I have a hot tub every night. 5 A No. I have not. Are you able to brush your own teeth? 6 Q Have you ever been involved in any auto 6 Q 7 7 accidents? 8 And are you able to dress yourself? 8 A Years ago, yes. Q 9 9 What happened? Α Yes. Q 10 Q Are you able to prepare your own food? 10 I slid on ice and hit the back of a -- a A I prepare for a lot of people a lot of 11 11 truck. times and my own. 12 Q Were you injured? 12 13 Q Are you able to feed yourself? 13 A No, I was not. It just very slightly --I slid into the truck. And there was no damage to 14 Α Q Does anyone assist you with your home the truck. The front of my car, because the 15 15 daily activities? 16 16 bumper, they're mainly made of plastic, I had to A I have a house cleaner. Other than replace the bumper. That was it. 17 17 that, general maintenance, my husband assists. 18 Q Okay. Have you been involved in any 18 19 Other than that, no. 19 traumatic events in the past? Q And you had the house cleaner before the 20 A My father dying. 20 21 incident; right? 21 Q Anything else? 22 A Yes. 22 A Nothing that comes to mind that was so 23 Q And you're able to drive? 23 traumatic that it has shaken me to the core, no, Yes, I am. 24 Α 24 nothing. Q And you're able to partake in outdoor 25 25 Q After your father had passed, did you 123 125 1 activities? 1 seek any treatment or any psychological care or A Yes, I am. anything like that? 3 Q Do you have any out-of-pocket expenses A I was eight years old, we were a poor family, no. I was a kid. Kids bounce back 4 related to this incident? 4 5 A No. 5 rapidly; don't they? Q As you mentioned earlier, you drink Q What about surgery? Have you ever had 7 alcohol occasionally; correct? 7 any surgery in the past? 8 A I have had a colon biopsy, I have had a A I do. 9 Q How much in an average week do you D and C, I had tonsil -- tonsillitis. Other than 9 10 drink? 10 that, no, I have not had surgery. I still have my A On an average, I would probably have 11 11 appendix. 12 three glasses of wine a week. I do not drink wine 12 Q Okay. And have you ever been with every dinner meal. I normally do not drink 13 hospitalized? at home for meals, any meal unless we have guests, 14 A For the D and C and for the colon and at which time, I will have one or two glasses 15 15 biopsy. 16 of -- of wine. 16 Q Any other times? 17 Q Okay. And your drinking habits haven't 17 A Not that I can recall. I very rarely -changed as a result of this incident? I try to take care of myself, so that I can live 19 A No. They've lessened, actually. to the age that my mother-in-law did, which was 19 20 Q And have you ever had any -- have you 20 been involved in any prior lawsuits? 2.1 21 Q Wow. 22 22 A Yeah. And so, you know, we are very

aware of our health and make sure that we eat

Q Okay. And what about depression? Have

properly and take care of our health.

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Q Have you ever been involved in any

trip-and-fall incidents?

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- 1 you ever been diagnosed with depression prior to 2 this incident?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Have you ever treated with any
- 5 psychiatrists or psychologists prior to this
- 6 incident?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q What about with PTSD? Have you ever 9 been diagnosed with PTSD prior to this incident?
- 10 A No.
- Q Did you ever treat with any
- 12 psychiatrists or psychologists, with respect to
- 13 PTSD, prior to this incident?
- A No. I don't know any psychiatrists or psychologists.
- 16 Q And was any antianxiety medication -17 have you ever taken anything in the past as a
  18 result of this incident?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q What about antidepression medication?
- 21 A No.
- Q Other than your attorneys, did you talk
- 23 to anyone else about the incident?
- A My husband.
- 25 Q Anyone else other than your husband?

- Q And when you say "back and forth," is that back and forth between Florida and Canada?
- A It is. We go to Detroit, usually, and fly down if we are not taking our own airplane.
  - Q Do you fly Air Canada?
  - A We do fly Air Canada out of Toronto, but fly Delta out of Detroit.
- 8 Q How many times, approximately, do you 9 think you've traveled between Canada and Florida 10 since the incident?
- 11 A We came back in November, went back to 12 Canada in April, went back to the U.S. in the end
- of September and back in October, so there werefour flights altogether. Three of them were
- 15 commercial, that's for individual flights, not
- 16 round trips, individual flights: four of them --
- 17 or three of them. Three out of the four were
- 18 commercial, one was on our own, on my husband's 19 aircraft.
- Q Do you have any social media accounts?
- 21 A I was on Facebook. I'm not on Facebook
- anymore. I haven't been for quite some time. You
- 23 can't get rid of them, though off the -- I don't
- 24 know how to eliminate them.
- Q Can't delete anything from the Internet.

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- 1 A No. I have not spoken to anyone else
- other than my husband. And -- and my doctors.
   O Did you -- regarding what you discussed
- Q Did you -- regarding what you discussedwith your husband, did you discuss anything that
- 5 we haven't already mentioned today?
- A No. No, we tell each other everything.
- 7 I met my husband when I was 13 years old, so
- 8 I've -- and we've been married for -- if we make
- 9 it on November 13th, this year, it'll be 58 years.
- Q Congratulations. I hope you don't take any offense to this, but have you ever been
- 12 convicted of a felony or crime or dishonesty?
- 12 convicted of a felony or crime or dis 13 A No, I have not.
- 14 Q Since the incident took place, have you
- 15 ever been on any vacations?
- 16 A We went to Italy and Croatia in the
- 17 spring of 2023 and we are -- have one upcoming.
- 18 Leaving October the 29th.
- 19 Q And that's to India?
- 20 A Yes, it is.
- Q Other than Italy, Croatia, and the
- 22 upcoming trip to India, have you traveled anywhere
- 23 else since the incident?
- A Not since the incident, other than back
- 25 and forth to Canada.

- 1 A And I was part of a -- in Florida Next
  - 2 Door, which is a, kind of telling you what's going
  - on in the area -- even -- I don't know whether you
  - 4 know what Next Door is -- it's a -- oh, you do,
  - 5 okay. So I don't need to explain. But I -- I
  - 6 don't check in with that very much anymore. I
  - 7 don't read any of their postings or anything.
  - 8 Q Is there anything -- or scratch that.
  - 9 Have you posted anything on Facebook since the 10 incident?
  - 11 A No. I don't believe I have. I believe
  - 12 I was finished with Facebook before that. I don't
  - 13 recall when I quit Facebook, but it was -- started
  - 14 to...I didn't like what was going on with the
  - 15 background noise with -- especially in the local
  - 16 area of people nattering at each other and being
  - 17 upset with each other, so I decided it was a waste
  - 18 of my time and energy.
  - Q Okay. I'm going to share my screen with you, it's just going to be Defendant's Exhibit 6,
  - 21 I believe.
  - 22 (Exhibit 6 was marked for
  - 23 identification.)
  - 24 BY MR. THORNTON:
  - 25 Q Let me know when you can see what I've

- 1 shared.
- 2 A Yes. This is a -- pictures of my
- 3 husband and I. The top one is on the cruise ship
- 4 when we were in Croatia, and we were in Athens; on
- 5 the second, on the right, the top one on the
- 6 right-hand side this is traveling with our
- 7 friends. Bottom is my husband and I in Italy and
- 8 the bottom right-hand side is with our friends in
- 9 Italy this spring.
- 10 Q This top right one, is this -- say that
- 11 again?
- 12 A The top right with the colorful lanterns
- 13 and stuff?
- 14 Q Yes.
- 15 A There's six, five or six people.
- 16 Q Yeah, where were you?
- 17 A Six of us in there. Yes, we were in
- 18 Athens. That is where we picked up the cruise
- 19 ship. We flew from Venice to Athens and ended up
- 20 doing the Croatian coast, sailing, there were six
- 21 of us sailing. We met up in -- in Athens after --
- 22 four of us were in Italy, and we sailed back up to
- 23 Venice and flew home from Venice.
- Q Okay. And you did this trip with
- 25 friends?

- Q Well, in the bottom left photo, it looks like a selfie; right?
- 3 A No. That's not -- no. That's -- that's
- 4 -- my friend, Lynn, took that photo of us.
- Q Okay. Are all of these photos taken
   on -- scratch that. What device were these photos
- 7 taken on?
  - A I don't know.
  - Q It says here underneath the date to the
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- 11 A Oh, that's my husband's phone, then,
- 12 IPhone Pro, 11 Pro. That's -- that is David's phone.
- Q Okay. And there's an Apple iPhone 14 15 here on the bottom left photo of the first page?
- 16 A I don't know. That must be Lynn's phone 17 or Tim's. I don't know.
- 18 Q Okay. And then page 2, it looks like --
- 19 well, it looks like these are just duplicate
- 20 photos; is that right?
  - A Yes, they are.
- Q Okay. Are there any other photos that
- 23 you have of you on vacation since the incident?
- 24 A No, I haven't -- I didn't take any --
- 25 any photos, really. None of -- I don't take

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- 1 A Yes, two couples.
- 2 Q How long was the cruise?
- 3 A The cruise, I believe, was 10, 12, days.
- 4 I -- I don't recall when it started. We flew to
- 5 Italy the end of May, and we were there for, I
- 6 believe, it was 10 days in Italy, and we flew home
- 7 on the 22 or 23rd of June. So from the 2nd of
- 8 June, I believe it was, so it must have been...
- 9 What's it -- two, three weeks, jeez, it doesn't
- 10 seem like -- I don't know. It --
- 11 Q Okay.
- 12 A Two and a half weeks possibly.
- Q Okay. And just for the record, these
- 14 are documents that you produced in response for
- 15 request for production, which are Bates-stamped as
- 16 Mountain 0027 and Mountain 0028. With respect to
- 17 each photo, they've got a date on them and time.
- 18 Are those the date and time in which each photo
- 19 was taken?
- 20 A Is there a date and time? I can't see
- 21 them. Yes. The date and time, yes. Yes.
- Q And are these all photos that either you
- 23 took or that you requested to have taken?
- A I believe I am in all of the photos, so
- 25 I couldn't have taken them.

1 photos of myself either. I didn't take a lot of

- 2 pics of even countryside or, scenic area, or
- 3 things on that trip. It was -- it was a stressful 4 trip for me.
  - Q Okay. All right. If -- if you could
- 6 give me about 10 minutes, 5 minutes just to look 7 over my notes, I think we might be -- might be
- 8 done. Just want to take a quick break here.
  - A Okay.
- 10 Q All right.
- 11 (A recess was taken.)
- 12 BY MR. THORNTON:
- 13 Q Ms. Mountain, we're back after a brief
- 14 break. Are you ready to continue?
- 15 A I am.
- 16 Q Okay. I don't really have much of
- 17 anything left. Do you -- is there anything else
- 18 that we missed or that you'd like to raise
- 19 regarding this incident at all?
- 20 A I don't have any questions after this,
- 21 or I -- I can't -- I can't think of anything that
- 22 I have questions on.
- Q Okay. All right. There's nothing else
- 24 that you wanted to raise or anything else, any
- 25 treatment, any conditions, or anything else that

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1	we might not have already discussed?	1 CERTIFICATE OF SHORTHAND REPORTER-NOTARY PUBLIC
2	A Not that I'm aware of at this time, no.	2
3	Q Okay. Well, I don't have any further	3 STATE OF FLORIDA)
4	questions right now. Ms. Mountain, thank you very	4 COUNTY OF OSCEOLA)
5	much for your time today. I may have some	5
6	follow-ups, depending on if your attorney asks you	6 I, Sydney Crawford, the officer
7	anything, but if not, then I greatly appreciate	7 before whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do
8	your time, and thanks for making yourself	8 hereby certify that the foregoing transcript is a
9	available.	9 true and correct record of the testimony given;
10	A Okay.	10 that said testimony was taken by me
11	MR. MONTALVO: I have no questions.	11 stenographically and thereafter reduced to
12	We're done with Ms. Mountain.	12 typewriting under my direction; that reading and
13	THE WITNESS: Do you have questions?	13 signing was requested; and that I am neither
14	MR. MONTALVO: I have no questions,	14 counsel for related to, nor employed by any of the
15	you're free to go.	15 parties to this case and have no interest,
16	THE WITNESS: Okay. But do you have	16 financial or otherwise, in its outcome.
17	questions for my husband, then?	17
18	MR. THORNTON: Yes.	18
19	THE WITNESS: Oh, okay, so I'll leave	19 // //
20	and let them continue.	20 MAJA
21	MR. MONTALVO: Thank you.	21 Sydney Crawford
22	THE WITNESS: Thanks, Jim.	22 Commission Number: HH 400086
23	MR. THORNTON: Sydney, we'd like to get	23 Commission Expires: 5/18/2027
24	a copy of that transcript. E-tran copy is fine	24
25	and normal time, please.	25
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20		20 Please forward the original signed errata sheet to
21		21 this Office so that copies may be distributed to
22		all parties.  22 Under penalty of perjury, I declare that
23		I have read my Deposition and that it is true and 23 correct subject to any changes in form or
24		substance entered here.
25		24 DATE: SIGNATURE OF

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3 4	(305) 374-8868 November 10, 2023	
5	IN RE: Mountain vs. Emirates	
6 7	CASE NO: DEPOSITION OF: Lenora Mountain C/O: HECTOR JAMES MONTALVO	
,	Rasco Klock Perez & Nieto, P.L.	
8	2555 Ponce de Leon Boulevard Suite 600	
9	Coral Gables, Florida 33134	
10	Dear Mr. Montalvo:	
11	With reference to the deposition of Lenora	
12 13	Mountain taken in connection with the	
14	above-captioned case please find enclosed the transcript of said deposition. Please arrange to	
15	have the witness read your copy of the transcript,	
16 17	denoting any corrections by page and line number on the enclosed errata sheet. This errata sheet	
18	must be signed by the witness and the original	
19 20	forwarded to Clay Thornton. If this has not been taken care of, however, in 30 days or by the time	
21	of trial, whichever comes first, it shall then be	
22 23	concluded that the reading, subscribing and notice of filing have been waived.	
24	Yours very truly,	
25	Sydney Crawford Court Reporter	
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